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Protecting Medical Rights, Improving Medical Legislation, and Preventing Medical Violence. Taipei District Prosecutors Office Holds a conference on establishing an information exchange and collaboration platform between medical personnel and prosecutors' office

In response to the conclusions of the conference " Measures Related to the Medical Accident Prevention and Dispute Resolution Act come into effect" held by the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office on December 18, 2023, the Taipei District Prosecutors Office convened the " establishing an information exchange and collaboration platform between medical personnel and prosecutors' office" conference this afternoon (20th), inviting department of Health from city government , medical associations, Chinese medical associations, dental associations, medical centers, and regional hospitals within the jurisdiction. The meeting aimed to address practical issues related to the requirement that criminal cases related to medical disputes should be referred for mediation before prosecution under the new Medical Accident Prevention and Dispute Resolution Act, which just came into effect on January 1, 2024. This conference also seeks to establish a platform for information exchange between medical personnel and prosecutors' office, in order to reinforce communication among both sides.

This conference presided over by Chief Prosecutor Cheng Ming-Chien, with Prosecutor Chen Yu-Hua from the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office in attendance to provide guidance. Department of Health from Taipei City Government and New Taipei City Government both send representatives to participate. Also, Superintendent Hsiao Sheng-Huang of Taipei City Hospital, the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and executive directors of Taipei Medical Association, New Taipei Medical Association, Taipei Dental Association, New Taipei Dental Association, Taipei Chinese Medical Association, New Taipei Chinese Medical Association, and the Head prosecutors, prosecutors responsible for medical criminal cases from the Taipei District Prosecutors Office all participate.

Representatives from Department of Health of Taipei City Government and New Taipei City Government both explain the composition and current operations of the medical dispute mediation committees as stipulated by the Medical Accident Prevention and Dispute Resolution Act under their supervision. Then the session come along with Head Prosecutor Ma Chung-Jen report on the regulations and procedures, that prosecutors should refer criminal cases related medical dispute for mediation, and suspend investigations under the requirement of aforementioned Act. Head Prosecutor Ma Chung-Jen also reiterated the operation of the “medical violence immediate reporting platform”. During the exchange of opinions session, participants raised several issues and all engaged in enthusiastic discussions.

Chief Prosecutor Cheng points out during the session, that the high quality of medical personnel is a valuable asset of Taiwan. Enhancing

the quality of the medical environment and protecting the rights of both patients and medical staff is a shared goal. Medicine and law are both specialized fields. Prosecutors must improve their medical knowledge to make accurate judgments in every particular case. Practical issues arising from the implementation of Measures Related to the Medical Accident Prevention and Dispute Resolution Act, or other medical-related laws require comprehensive dialogue. Regarding how to handle medical violence incidents in time, needs more close cooperation, horizontal communication between relevant units is indispensable. Through this conference, the establishment of information exchange and collaboration platform, allows instant contact among relevant units, also release the possibility to co-form a working team in necessary scenario. In the future, understanding of each other's expertise will be further enhanced through medical and law forums, training sessions, and mutual visits.



