



Press Release

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The Taipei District Prosecutors Office today (28th) concluded the investigation into former Legislator Chen ○-Po and 15 other individuals for violations of the Anti-Corruption Act and Related Offenses. A summary of the findings is provided as follows:

1. Indictments

(1) Chen ○-Po

Chen ○-Po has been indicted for:

- Receiving bribes by an act that belongs to the official duties (Anti-Corruption Act, Art. 5, Para. 1, Subpara. 3),
- Fraudulently obtaining property by exploiting official authority (Art. 5, Para. 1, Subpara. 2),
- Money laundering (Money Laundering Control Act, Art. 19, Para. 1, latter part).

(2) Hsu ○-Yu

Hsu ○-Yu has been indicted for:

- Fraudulently obtaining property by exploiting official authority (Art. 5, Para. 1, Subpara. 2),
- Embezzlement of public property (Criminal Code, Art. 336, Para. 1).

(3) Hung ○-Tsung

Hung ○-Tsung has been indicted for:

- Receiving bribes by an act that belongs to the official duties (Anti-Corruption Act, Art. 5, Para. 1, Subpara. 3),

(4) Hung ○-Cheng

Hung ○-Cheng has been indicted for:

- Offering bribes with regard to a public official engaging in an act belonging to his or her duties (Anti-Corruption Act, Art. 11, Paras. 4 and 2),
- Falsifying accounting vouchers (Business Entity Accounting Act, Art. 71, Subpara. 1),
- Tax evasion through improper means (Tax Collection Act, Art. 41).

(5) Wang ○-Chang, Hsieh ○-Sheng, Hsiao ○-Jen,

and Wu ○-Hung

Wang ○-Chang, Hsieh ○-Sheng, Hsiao ○-Jen, and Wu ○-Hung have been indicted for:

- Offering bribes with regard to a public official engaging in an act belonging to his or her duties (Anti-Corruption Act, Art. 11, Paras. 4 and 2),

(6) Yeh ○-Lin

Yeh ○-Lin has been indicted for:

- Falsifying accounting vouchers (Business Entity Accounting Act, Art. 71, Subpara. 1),
- Tax evasion through improper means (Tax Collection Act, Art. 41).

(7) Wang ○-Yu

Wang ○-Yu has been indicted for:

- Falsifying accounting vouchers (Business Entity Accounting Act, Art. 71, Subpara. 1),

(8) Wang ○-Juan, Lee ○-Yu, Ma ○-Chun, Wei ○-Ju, Chen ○-Jou, and Huang ○-Chen

Wang ○-Juan, Lee ○-Yu, Ma ○-Chun, Wei ○-Ju,

Chen ○-Jou, and Huang ○-Chen have been indicted for:

- Fraudulently obtaining property by exploiting official authority (Art. 5, Para. 1, Subpara. 2),

2. Summary of Facts

(1) Background

From February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2024, Chen ○-Po served as a Member of the Legislative Yuan. Hsu ○-Yu is his spouse. Hung ○-Tsung and Hsu ○-Tu served as Special Advisers in Chen's congressional office. Hung ○-Cheng is the Chairperson of United Logistics International Co., Ltd., and the de facto operator of Gang Hsieh Stevedoring Co., Ltd. and Chien Hsin Stevedoring Firm, as well as the Chairperson of the Taiwan Commercial Port Development Association. Hsiao ○-Jen is the Responsible Person of Jiufeng Car Rental Co., Ltd., and serves as the Chairperson of the Taiwan Car Rental Quality Assurance Association. Wang ○-Chang is the

Responsible Person of Yongxin Car Rental Co., Ltd., and served as the Chairperson of the Taipei City Rental Car Commercial Association for the 15th and 16th terms. Wu ○-Hung serves as the Director & General Manager of Prados Co., Ltd. and Pujet Development Co., Ltd. Hsieh ○-Sheng is the Deputy General Manager of both Prados Co., Ltd. and Pujet Development Co., Ltd., and also served as a Director of the 15th term of the Taipei City Rental Car Commercial Association.

(2) Receiving Bribes and Unlawful Profits by an Act that Belongs to the Official Duties — Committed by Chen ○-Po

A. Concerning Chen ○-Po and Hung ○-Tsung' s Receipt of Unlawful Profits and Bribes Totaling NT\$4,135,922

In December 2015, Chen ○-Po reached an agreement with Hung ○-Cheng under which Hung would pay a monthly salary of NT\$50,000

for Chen to employ Hung ○ -Tsung as a consultant. Acting with the intent to provide unlawful benefits to a public official in connection with acts that did not contravene the official ' s duties, Hung ○ -Cheng paid NT\$50,000 per month under the guise of “consultant fees” from January 6, 2016 to July 6, 2020. During the period in which Chen ○ -Po received the above-mentioned bribes and unlawful profits, he successively performed the following official acts for the benefit of Hung ○ -Cheng:

(a) Revocation of the Kaohsiung Intercontinental Terminal Public Recruitment Project:

On December 5, 2016, during a meeting of the Legislative Yuan' s Transportation Committee, Chen ○ -Po questioned the Taiwan International Ports Corporation regarding the legitimacy of establishing the Kaohsiung

Intercontinental Terminal Company. He thereafter submitted Proposal No. 59, requesting that one-fifth of the NT\$384 million budget appropriated for the company's second-year funding be frozen.

(b) Reduction of Port Area Land Rent and the Issue of Excess Retirement Payments:

On December 5, 2016, during a meeting of the Legislative Yuan's Transportation Committee, Chen ○-Po raised questions regarding port area land rent and excess retirement payments. He subsequently submitted two ad hoc motions requesting that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications promptly propose effective measures to support private port operators, and to investigate the repayment contributions relating to dockworker retirement payouts. Both motions were adopted on the same day.

(c) COVID-19 Relief Measures:

On March 4, 2020, during a meeting of the Legislative Yuan's Transportation Committee, Chen ○-Po submitted an ad hoc motion recommending that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications include the "ship cargo handling and stevedoring industry" and the "container freight station industry" as eligible sectors for COVID-19 relief measures, subsidize land rent and commercial port facility rental and management fees, assist in waiving the previously scheduled 2% increase for 2019 land use fees, building rent, and management fees, and reasonably adjust the relevant rates stipulated in contracts between the Taiwan International Ports Corporation and private operators. The motion was adopted on the same day, and the Ministry subsequently

included the “ship cargo handling and stevedoring industry” and the “container freight station industry” in the relief measures.

(d) Amendments to Article 72 of the Commercial Port Law (2018–2021):

Between 2018 and 2021, Chen ○ -Po repeatedly introduced amendment proposals to Article 72 of the Commercial Port Law in the Legislative Yuan. On December 27, 2020, and on several other dates, Hung ○ -Tsung communicated via the LINE messaging application with Yeh ○ -Long, Director-General of the Maritime and Port Bureau of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, and requested that Yeh report the Bureau’ s proposed amendment plan to Hung ○ -Cheng at Chen ○ -Po’ s congressional office in order to reach a consensus on the content of the amendments.

The amendment proposal was subsequently approved on December 28, 2020, during the 14th full meeting of the Transportation Committee, with Chen ○-Po presiding as the meeting chair.

B. Concerning Chen ○ -Po ' s Receipt of NT\$500,000 in Bribes from Hsiao ○-Jen, Wang ○-Chang, Hsieh ○-Sheng, and Wu ○-Hung

- (a) In order to resolve the long-standing overlap in the passenger transport market between rental car operators and taxicabs, as well as disputes over whether Uber should be regulated as a rental car business or as a taxi service in Taiwan, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications began planning amendments to the Regulations Governing Automobile Transportation Businesses in early 2018. On March 30, 2018, it announced the “Unified Discretionary

Standards for Handling Violations of the Regulations Governing Automobile Transportation Businesses by Small Passenger Rental Car Operators,” which imposed penalties on rental car operators for illegally soliciting passengers and restricted the scope of operations for cooperation between rental car operators and Uber in providing passenger transport services.

- (b) Hsiao ○-Jen, Wang ○-Chang, Wu ○-Hung, and Hsieh ○-Sheng, all rental car operators, requested that Chen ○-Po, in his capacity as a Legislator of the Transportation Committee, convene a coordination meeting closely related to his official duties in order to influence or interfere with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications’ aforementioned discretionary standards by delaying their implementation or seeking their

revision. Chen ○-Po agreed and convened a coordination meeting on May 3, 2018, titled “ Coordination Meeting on Securing Reasonable Rights and Interests for Tour Bus and Small Passenger Rental Car Operators,” at which a resolution was adopted requiring the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to hold a meeting with the Rental Car Quality Assurance Association — including Hsiao ○-Jen — and to temporarily suspend the implementation of the above discretionary standards, and further issued an official letter to the Ministry to that effect.

- (c) In order to have Chen ○ -Po continue to speak out on behalf of small passenger rental car operators and block the Ministry of Transportation and Communications from advancing the amendments to the transportation management regulations,

Hsiao ○-Jen and the other three individuals jointly conspired to solicit and provide bribes in connection with acts not contrary to official duties. On September 27, 2018, at the Legislative Yuan Research Building, **Hsiao ○-Jen delivered NT\$500,000 in bribe money to Hung ○-Tsung, who accepted it on behalf of Chen ○-Po. Hung ○-Tsung subsequently handed the envelope containing NT\$500,000 to Chen ○-Po, who, fully aware that the payment was intended as a bribe to induce him to obstruct the proposed amendments to the transportation management regulations, nonetheless received it with the intent to accept bribes by an act belonging to his official duties.**

C. Concerning the Fraudulent Claiming of NT\$4,112,170 in Publicly Funded Assistant Salaries by Chen ○-Po, Hsu ○-Yu, Wang ○-

**Chuan, Lee ○-Yu, Ma ○-Chun, Wei ○-Ju,
Chen ○-Rou, and Huang ○-Chen**

Chen ○-Po and Hsu ○-Yu were fully aware that the publicly funded assistant subsidies appropriated by the Legislative Yuan were remuneration for assistants performing their official duties, and were neither part of a legislator's salary nor a personal subsidy to the legislator. Nonetheless, from February 1, 2012 to November 30, 2022, under the instructions of Chen ○-Po and Hsu ○-Yu, Wang ○-Chuan prepared "Legislative Yuan Legislator's Self-Employed Publicly Funded Assistant Recruitment and Personnel Change Forms" falsely stating the reasons for personnel changes (salary adjustments), effective dates, and remuneration for Li ○-Yu, Wang ○-Chuan, Ma ○-Chun, Wei ○-Ju, Chen ○-Rou, Huang ○-Chen, and Chen ○-Yan. Through this method, the salaries of the

above assistants were fraudulently inflated, transferred monthly into their bank accounts, and then withdrawn in cash by the assistants for use according to the instructions of Chen ○-Po and Hsu ○-Yu. By doing so, they fraudulently obtained a total of NT\$4,112,170 in publicly funded assistant salaries.

3. Sentencing Recommendations

- (1)** After considering that **Defendant Chen ○-Po**, having served as a legislator for many years, accepted a total of NT\$4,135,922 in bribes and unlawful profits, and further received NT\$500,000 from Defendants Wang ○-Chang, Hsieh ○-Sheng, Hsiao ○-Jen, and Wu ○-Hung in connection with their solicitation of bribes, and additionally used the convenience of his official position to fraudulently claim NT\$4,112,170 in assistant subsidies, the prosecution hereby requests that the court impose sentences of eight years'

imprisonment for accepting bribes and unlawful profits from Defendant Hung o-Cheng, seven years and two months for accepting bribes from the four aforementioned defendants, and seven years and six months for the fraudulent claiming of assistant salaries. With respect to the two counts of money laundering, the prosecution further requests that the court impose sentences of one year and six months' imprisonment, respectively, and impose an additional fine of NT\$5 million.

(2) With respect to **Defendant Hsu ○ -Yu**, the prosecution requests that the court impose sentences of seven years and two months' imprisonment and one year and six months' imprisonment, respectively.

(3) With respect to **Defendant Hung ○ -Tsung**, the prosecution requests that the court impose a sentence of seven years' imprisonment.