



# 落實毒品新思維政策之紀實 (2016 年至 2017 年)

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## 壹、引言

物質濫用一直以來是世界各國共通的重要議題，也是各國難以根除的問題，於 2016 年 5 月 30 日行政院林院長全第 1 次主持治安會報（105 年度第 5 次治安會報）時特別強調毒品議題列為新政府主要政策目標之一，於同年度 8 月 26 日主持第 21 次毒品防制會報時明確指示由法務部召集轄下各機關及統合毒品查緝機關共同打擊

毒品、提升戒癮成效，並跨部會共同商議減少毒品 18-24 歲之新生人口，落實反毒及緝毒之工作。

本署為落實院長指示之各項目標，分為校園毒品、緝毒斷根溯源、地區特色毒品查緝及戒癮成效等多區塊做規劃。由本署緝毒組二位主任分工，全程參與臺灣高等法院檢察署領導之毒品資料庫籌備運作，規劃相關毒品查緝計畫提升毒品查緝

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成效，並全力執行計畫內容、配合跨國毒品查緝、隔絕校園毒品、協助反毒計畫推動及提升戒癮成效。

## 貳、校園毒品預防及查緝方面

於同年度9月間，本署旋即由緝毒專組組長黃惠玲主任檢察官及義組蕭方舟主任檢察官親赴教育部學生事務及特殊教育司，瞭解目前轄區內教育部、臺北市教育局及新北市教育局關於校園毒品學生涉毒、反毒教育推動狀況及有何窒礙難行之處，在瞭解校園高關懷、高風險學生通報及涉毒轉介衛生局治療之相關疑義後，多次參與教育部學生事務及特殊教育司所召集之會議，深入剖析新北市及臺北市教育局所面臨之問題，於2017年5月間，本署協助臺北市教育局針對臺北市轄內10大毒品高風險學校安排6個場次重點宣導，由緝毒專組檢察官分批親赴學校，對教師及特定族群學生專案宣導，找出問題焦點俾利反毒緝毒政策推動。

為強化校園通報機制，緝毒組黃主任檢察官於2017年7、8月暑假期間，協助教育部學生事務及特殊教育司、國教署所職掌之教官教育訓練，前往彰化縣鹿港鎮及高雄市大寮區輔英科技大學，參與共計6場之軍訓教官及校安人員培訓座談，宣

導毒品高風險學生通報相關事宜、說明當前政府重要緝毒反毒政策方向，並強調重視學生涉毒事件隱私及相關資訊保密之作法，積極配合法務部及教育部阻絕毒品入校園、追查校園毒品上游政策，在保護高風險學生及涉毒學生，且不驚擾學生、家長與學校之前提下，善用毒品資料庫大數據整合之功能，與教育部及臺北市教育局協力查緝毒品來源。

在查緝校園毒品積極作為上，2017年3月間賴秋萍檢察官指揮臺北市政府警察局毒品查緝中心查獲國立知名大學大學生與某私立大學研究生販賣第二級毒品大麻及LSD毒品案件。本署為保護高等教育形象及此二所知名大學名譽，並未對外透露學校名稱及涉案學生姓名，保護在學學生隱私。

## 參、地區特色毒品查緝方面

針對毒品銷售旺季，於暑假期間除常態之掃毒計畫外，更特別規劃本轄酒、夜店販毒之查緝，於2017年7月15日由緝毒組王貞元檢察官指揮臺北市政府警察局毒品查緝中心在林森北路多家知名酒店及鄰近辦公室等13處執行搜索，查獲擔任「小蜜蜂」之酒店業績幹部范姓嫌犯等5人及藥腳多人，針對轄內酒店毒品銷售特

性加強查緝。另王貞元檢察官指揮臺北市警局少年隊，於同年 8 月 8 日晚間，在臺北市內湖區查獲以羅姓男子為首、籌組嘻哈樂團，以呼大麻為樂，並販售、提供給其他學生、年輕人，吸食的販毒、用毒人士計 6 名，扣得 6.8 公克大麻及 2 組研磨器、電子磅秤、捲菸紙、吸食器等工具。著眼於本轄幾均係都會地區，酒夜店相對多且有些隱身於商圈或社區內，此類地點乃毒品銷售集中市場之特色規劃，全力打擊販毒網，壓制販毒氣焰，以建立無毒家園，維護社會治安。

## 肆、跨境緝毒及斷根溯源方面

跨境緝毒及溯根斷源案件之執行面，於 2016 年 11 月間本署緝毒組檢察官林逸群及楊舒婷檢察官組成專案小組，由林逸群檢察官在本署坐鎮指揮、由楊舒婷檢察官協辦並親自帶隊前往財政部關務署高雄關貨櫃檢驗點開啟可疑貨櫃，共同指揮調查局北部地區機動工作站破獲犯嫌利用車用電池偽裝，自南美洲巴西運輸至臺灣欲轉運到澳洲之第一級毒品古柯鹼 200 塊毛重 218 公斤，此案為臺灣緝毒史上最大宗之古柯鹼運輸案件（詳見承辦檢察官林逸群所著「我國查獲最大宗古柯鹼運輸案件」一文）。行政院長於同年 12 月 28 日在行政院頒發「功在緝毒」獎牌予本署及承辦檢察官，而承辦檢察官林逸群更經由法務部推薦後於 2017 年 11 月間經考試

院評選後獲選公務人員傑出貢獻獎，本署同感光榮。

此類跨國毒品走私犯罪，為世界各國甚為重視並企圖跨國合作防堵之案件，於 2017 年 1 月 20 日澳洲犯罪情資委員會 (AUSTRALIAN CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE COMMISSION) 駐香港聯絡官 Jeff Gough 來訪，因其執掌之業務為亞洲跨境犯罪分析，主力在發現犯罪威脅、支持法律執行，與本署緝毒業務連動性甚強，本署緝毒組黃主任檢察官亦偕同組員李宇銘檢察官前往內政部警政署刑事警察局與之會晤商談，深度瞭解此類跨境毒品走私需要整合之資訊為何，協力跨境緝毒業務，此案於 2017 年 8 月間並經中天電視台專訪製作專輯。

另因地理位置及氣候之因素，臺灣島內難以栽種出品質純良之大麻花，毒梟欲佔據大臺北都會區之毒品販售市場，勢必走私加拿大或歐洲栽種收成之大麻花入境，方能取得市場優勢，本署緝毒組賴秋萍檢察官深知此情，亦於 2017 年 6 月間指揮臺北市政府警察局毒品查緝中心，歷經數月布線、追蹤，發現疑有乾燥大麻花自加拿大走私入境，涉案人分別身在加拿大及中國等地，採人、貨分離的方式進行交易，由該毒品查緝中心藍大山小隊長進行跟監後，先於 28 日於北市大安區逮捕買家丁嫌，查扣當次交易大麻花一批（毛重約 5 公斤），並於翌（29）日解送人犯到署，



檢察官偵訊後發現本件係多人集結且精密分工之跨國運輸毒品集團，非立即溯源追緝運毒者並進而找出倉庫所在查扣毒品恐讓大量毒品竄流市場，造成國人身體健康不可挽救之傷害，遂當機立斷大膽指揮員警聲請搜索票並聲押丁嫌，29日繼續溯源追緝，於新北市永和區逮捕走私大麻之簡女，並於簡女租用倉庫起獲6大箱共91盒大麻花（毛重約38.5公斤），粗估市價逾三千萬，並再聲押簡女，本案犯嫌丁某及簡某均經法官裁定羈押在案，同時查出放置毒品之倉庫地點，並扣得逾40公斤品質優良之大麻花。

因本件大麻花溯源成功案件係地區特色多層溯源案件，卓越之查緝成果實歸功於承辦檢察官打擊犯罪之使命感與貫徹國家追緝毒品溯源之決心，承辦檢察官指揮臺北市政府警察局刑警大隊毒品查緝中心屢破大案，本件更是歷盡艱辛追查二層以上毒品來源，係本署執行臺灣高等法院檢察署「區域聯防緝毒」之新世代反毒策略，針對本署轄內乃毒品消費市場之特質執行緝毒計畫，並具體溯源緝毒成功之案例，承辦檢察官指揮查緝員警執行區域聯防多層溯源緝毒成功，績效卓著，殊值表揚，賴秋萍檢察官因此案於2017年7月25日獲得行政院所頒發106年緝毒有功人士獎，全國僅二檢察署領得此類特（殊）色案件獎。

除上列特殊得獎案件外，賴秋萍檢察官另於106年1月間與財政部關務署、刑事警察局共同偵破自跨國運輸含有第二級毒品卡西酮成分之恰特草計132公斤之案件，本案行為人鄭女居住澳洲，天然毒草產地在非洲，毒品係經過他國轉運到臺灣再轉運出口至澳洲，此類案件毒品鑑別困難實屬罕見也難以查緝，本署檢察官能與財政部關務署及刑事局共同緝查扣案達百公斤之毒品確實難得。另楊舒婷檢察官亦於106年5月間獲報有利用醫療器材運輸毒品之情事即與刑事警察局共同偵辦，迅即拘捕林姓犯嫌到案，不到1星期時間除扣得已寄送之醫療器材外並循線查獲倉庫內夾藏毒品之另1台氧氣機，順利追訴加拿大籍外國人GORDON與本國林姓男子共同利用醫療器材氧氣機夾藏運輸8公斤甲基安非他命之刑責，本署檢察官積極辦理跨境緝毒之作為殊值肯定。

## 伍、購買毒品資金及犯毒所得

### 洗錢方式改變之應對

近年因網路發展迅速及交通便捷之故，毒品之產地及消費地不再受地域限制，跨國毒品交易對價之給付方式也隨之改變，本署接獲多起舉報均是以網路數位貨幣給付毒品價金，購毒後運輸入境之案件，其中又以比特幣購買大麻種子運輸入境並予以栽種繁殖之案件為大宗，因本署緝毒



組不斷接獲此類案件通報，為能有效斷絕毒品輸入栽種之情形，對於毒梟購毒資金來源追查成為緝毒優先順位課題之一。

傳統以現金及黃金購毒之途徑漸漸為其他管道所取代，網路交易發達且電腦數位貨幣盛行之後，數位貨幣儼然為毒品交易重要的資金來源管道及大宗洗錢管道，而當代電腦數位貨幣市場交易量最大者為區塊鏈技術運用之比特幣，因追緝困難顯然已成為大麻種子交易平台最愛用之價金支付方式，為有效溯源斷根，培養檢察官相關專業知識及查緝技能，乃成為刻不容緩之工作，本署緝毒組因此勇敢走出法律舒適圈，於2017年4月14日針對目前政府新開放之電子支付業務及即將立法管理的財務金融科技領域，特別邀請該領域專業人士，包含中央研究院副研究員、金管會銀行局人員、財金資訊股份有限公司總經理、臺灣網路認證股份有限公司策略長、臺灣大學及金門大學教授等人，到署講授區塊鏈、電子支付及監理沙盒（於2017年11月8日立法院財委會已初審通過「金融科技發展與創新實驗條例」草案），結合產、官、學跨領域人才，提供多面向思維角度，培養第一線辦案檢察官對未來犯罪走向之靈敏觸角，並開放附近檢察署檢察官、臺灣臺北地方法院法官參與課程學習，將珍貴資源共享，企能擴展新世代毒品政策區域聯防理念及效果。

於同年5月26日本署緝毒組黃主任獲邀代表本署參與內政部警政署舉辦之全國

反毒反詐騙策略論壇，與長年投身緝毒領域專業學者共同深入探討毒品問題，包含反毒、緝毒、校園毒品及提升戒癮成效相關議題。

## 陸、落實新世代反毒策略

行政院於2017年5月11日召開記者會正式對外說明甫定案之「新世代反毒策略」，於同年6月1日臺灣高等法院檢察署王添盛檢察長隨即偕同該署緝毒組何明楨主任檢察官、臺灣士林地方法院檢察署張檢察長、本署邢泰釗檢察長及緝毒組二位主任，前往臺北市政府與柯文哲市長會商新世代反毒策略執行之相關議題。基於毒品施用者係病人之思維角度，本署緝毒組與曾主任觀護人共同提出提升戒癮治療成效相關補助方案供柯市長參考，此方案係本署觀護人室曾主任觀護人分析本署進5年戒癮治療參與人數、撤銷戒癮治療比例及完成戒癮療程之人數統計數據後，所擬定之費用補助方案，期能針對「低收入戶或中低收入戶、重大傷病或身心障礙致就業不易者、非自願性失業者」提供足夠之醫療費用補助，提高戒癮成效。會議當場即獲柯市長支持，應允在符合前開條件下，就本署附命戒癮治療條件之緩起訴處分被告，由市府提供補助協助本轄毒品戒癮治療者。

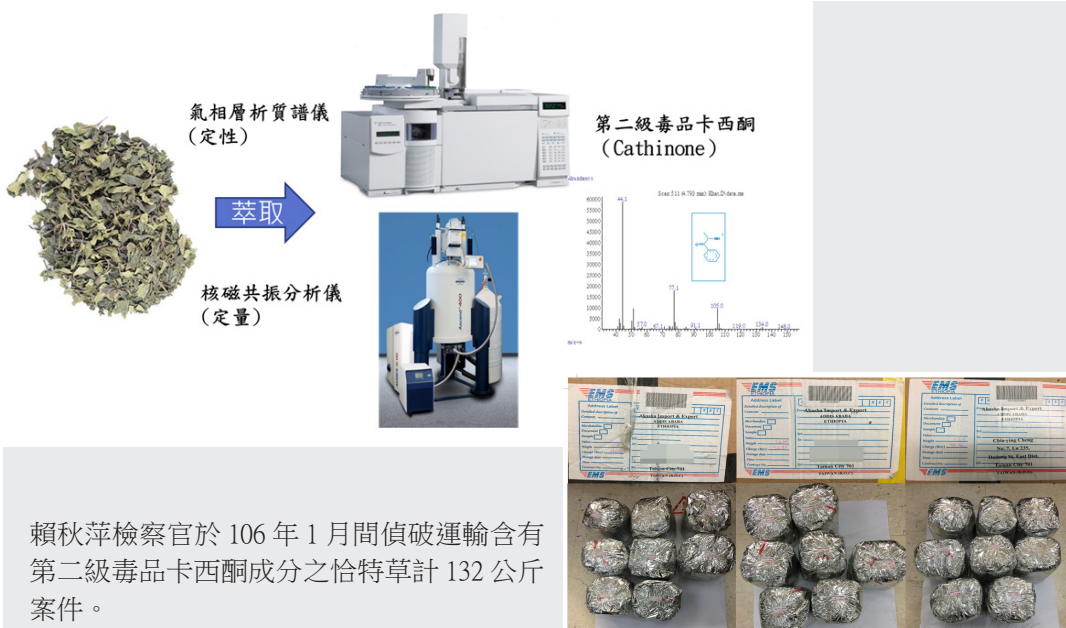
臺北市立聯合醫院並於106年9月30日函本署、臺灣士林地方法院檢察署、臺灣臺北地方法院及臺灣士林地方法院，



惠知該院昆明防治中心辦理「106 年度臺北市藥物濫用治療暨藥癮中途之家補助計畫」，提供有戒癮治療需求之民眾戒癮醫療相關費用補助。計畫期程至 106 年 12 月 31 日止，補助經費以每人新臺幣 1 萬 5000 元為限，對於受緩起訴處分且具中低收入、身心障礙、非自願性失業或其它弱勢身份，或經受文機關人員評估有戒癮醫療需求者，得由受文機關人員電洽經該中心人

員評估並完成轉介程序後，即可申請戒癮醫療經費補助。期透過本署觀護人的監督治療、醫院提供治療服務、毒品危害防治中心提供費用補助予個案及家庭、就業輔導等，形成更緊密且具效益的戒毒金三角，達成協助被告完成戒癮治療的預期目標，具體落實行政院「新世代反毒策略」，企能達成跨部會策略整合之成效，而貫徹毒品零容忍、無毒新家園之目標。

楊舒婷檢察官於 106 年 5 月間查獲被告涉嫌利用氧氣機夾藏 8 公斤安非他命運輸案。





A photograph of the Rainbow Bridge in Taipei at night. The bridge's distinctive red arch and suspension cables are illuminated, and its lights are reflected in the water below. In the background, city buildings and streetlights are visible.

# A New Approach to Anti-Drug Crackdowns and Campaigns (2016-2017)

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Rainbow Bridge/Chia-Hsin LU



## I. Introduction

Substance abuse is an important issue and chronic headache for all countries in the world. On May 30, 2016 when Premier Lin of the Executive Yuan chaired the crime report for the first time (the government's fifth crime report during the year), he emphasized that the drug problem is one of the top priorities for the new administration. On August 26, 2016 when he convened the 21st anti-drug meeting, he instructed the Ministry of Justice to coordinate with its subordinates and law enforcement agencies to combat drugs and encourage abstinence. This cross-department initiative aims to reduce new addicts aged 18-24 with effective anti-drug crackdown and campaigns.

To meet the goals set by Premier Lin, the Prosecutors Office has been formulating plans to fight drugs on school campuses, from the origin and at hotspots, and targeting different substances to promote the effectiveness of abstinence. The two directors of our Drug Enforcement Administration have been taking on respective responsibilities and participating in the preparation and operation of the drug database

under the leadership of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office. A masterplan has been mapped out to boost the effectiveness of anti-drugs operations by collaborating with other governments in cross-border drug investigations, blocking drugs on campus, and promoting anti-drug campaigns and addiction treatment.

## II. Campus Drug Prevention and Drug Enforcement

In September 2016, Hui-lin Huang (Chief Prosecutor in Hsin Division) and Fang-chou Hsiao (Chief Prosecutor in Yi Division) of the Anti-Drug Division from our offices visited the Department of Student Affairs and Special Education of the Ministry of Education, in order to understand the progress up to date and the difficulties associated with anti-drug campaigns in schools and universities orchestrated by the Ministry of Education, the Taipei City Government Department of Education, and the New Taipei City Department of Education. Multiple meetings were organized by the Department of Student Affairs and Special Education of the Ministry of



Education to learn about the high risk profile of students and to hear from highly concerned students about the process of referring individuals to the Department of Health for addiction treatments, as well as issues confronted by the Taipei City Government Department of Education and the New Taipei City Department of Education. We assisted the Taipei City Government Department of Education in May 2017 to arrange six events targeted at ten high-risk schools in Taipei City. The prosecutors dedicated to anti-drug

wars visited these schools and spoke to the teachers and specific students, hoping to identify the key issues.

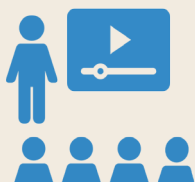
To strengthen the reporting mechanism on campus, Chief Prosecutor Huang of the Anti-Drug Team supported training for military instructors organized by the Department of Student Affairs and Special Education and the K-12 Education Administration of the Ministry of Education in July and August (the summer vacation period) of 2017. Chief Prosecutor Huang assisted in the



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six workshops for the training of military instructors and campus security officers in Lukang Township, Changhua County, and Fooyin University in Daliang District, Kaohsiung City. The focus was on the reporting mechanism for students with high risk profiles and elaboration on the government's anti-drug policy. The key message was the emphasis on the privacy of the students concerned and the confidentiality of the relevant information. There is a joint effort from the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education in combating drugs and searching for drug sources on campus. Efforts are being made to protect high risk students and drug-taking students, without disruption to other students, parents and the schools. It is hoped that the Big Data and the drug database can serve as a boost to the collaboration between the Ministry of Education and the Taipei City Government Department of Education in tracking the origin of illicit drugs.

In March 2017, Prosecutor Chiu-ping Lai led an operation by the Drug Enforcement Center of the Taipei City Police Department in the investigation of an

undergraduate student at a national university and a postgraduate student in a private university who were selling marijuana and LSD, which are category 2 drugs. To protect the image of higher educational institutions, the reputation of these two well-known universities, and the privacy of these two students, we did not disclose the names of the universities or the students to third parties.

### **III. Clampdowns on Drug Enforcement Hotspots**

Summer vacation is the high season for drug dealings. In addition to regular crackdowns, we make extra efforts to monitor night clubs and pubs in our jurisdiction. On July 15, 2017, Prosecutor Chen-yuan Wang of the Anti-Drug Division instructed the Drug Enforcement Center of the Taipei City Police Department to search 13 spots, including several infamous bars and adjacent offices on Linsen North Road. This operation identified five suspects (including one surnamed Fan, a salesperson working in the night club The Little Bee) and a number of drug dealers. The purpose



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of this exercise was to probe into the drug trafficking behavior in night clubs. Prosecutor Chen-yuan Wang worked with the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Subsection of the Taipei City Police Department on the evening of August 8, 2016, and arrested Mr. Lo in Neihu District, Taipei City. Mr. Lo is the head of a hip-hop club, and he not only takes marijuana but also sells marijuana to six dealers who supply it to students and young adults. The operation confiscated 6.8 grams of marijuana and two grinders, electronic weights, rolling paper, and smoking devices. The jurisdiction of our offices covers highly populated metropolitan areas with a large number of pubs and night clubs (some of them hidden in business districts or communities). These are the hotspots for drug trafficking, and we are making

every effort to suppress and combat the network of drug traders, in order to keep substances at bay and safeguard our society.

## **IV. Cross-Border Drug Busting and at the Source**

The tracking down of cross-border drug enforcement and at the origins has been spearheaded by a task force led by Prosecutors Yi-chun Lin and Shu-ting Yang of the Anti-Drug Division since November 2016. On one mission, Prosecutor Yi-chun Lin stayed in the offices to coordinate the operation and Prosecutor Shu-ting Yang went out with the police to the container checkpoints in Kaohsiung managed by the

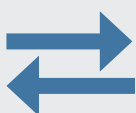


Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance. The Mobility Units for the Southern Taiwan Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Justice, confiscated 200 packages of cocaine (a category 1 substance) with a gross weight of 218 kilograms hidden in vehicle batteries from Brazil to Australia via Taiwan. This was the largest quantity of cocaine ever raided by the police in Taiwan. (Please see the article titled Largest Quantity of Cocaine Busted in Taiwan

by Prosecutor Yi-chun Lin). Premier Li of the Executive Yuan on December 18, 2016 issued an “Anti-Drug War Heroes” medal to the prosecutors in our offices. Prosecutor Yi-chun Lin, upon the recommendation from the Ministry of Justice, was given an award in November 2017 by the Ministry of Examination for his outstanding contributor as a public servant. Our offices were very proud of him.



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The prevention of cross-border drug smuggling has been on the top of government agendas and collaborations around the world. Mr. Jeff Gough, an officer from the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission officer based in Hong Kong, visited Taiwan on January 20, 2017. As Mr. Gough's specialty is transnational crime analysis to identify threats and support law enforcement, his job responsibility is highly relevant to our crackdown on drugs. Chief Prosecutor Huang and Prosecutor Yu-ming Li in the Anti-Drug Division met with Mr. Gough at the Criminal Investigation Bureau or the Police Administration under the Ministry of Interior, to gain an in-depth understanding of the information required for joint efforts in the clampdown of cross-border drug trafficking. Their conversations were covered by CTI Television on a talk show in August 2017.

The geographic and climate factors of Taiwan make it difficult to grow high-quality marijuana buds. To establish a presence in the Greater Taipei, drug dealers must smuggle marijuana harvested from Canada or Europe. Prosecutor Chiu-ping Lai of the An-

ti-Drug Division is fully aware of this. In June 2017, Lai managed an operation by the Drug Enforcement Center of the Taipei City Police Department, which consisted of months of tracking and infiltration on the smuggling of marijuana buds from Canada. The offenders were domiciled in China and Canada, and trades were done with the people and goods separated. Captain Da-shan Lan of the Drug Enforcement Center followed the suspects and arrested a buyer surnamed Ting in Da-an District, Taipei on June 28th. The police seized a batch of marijuana buds (with a gross weight of five kilograms) on the spot and sent the suspects to the police station on June 29th. After interrogations, the prosecutors realized that this was a job by a large and sophisticated cross-border drug dealing group. It was necessary to immediately track down the source and confiscate the drugs in their inventory, in order to avoid a large volume of drugs flowing into the market and damaging the health of Taiwanese citizens. Our prosecutors asked the police to apply for a search warrant and detained Mr. Ting. On June 29th, the task force continued to trace the origin and arrested Ms. Chien in Yong-



he District, New Taipei City, who was responsible for pick-ups. The police raided six boxes in a warehouse rented by Ms. Chien, and inside these boxes were 91 packages of marijuana with a gross weight of approximately 38.5 kilograms, worth NT\$ 30 million in the market. Both Ms. Chien and Mr. Ting were detained whilst the investigators identified the warehouse location and found over 40 kilograms of high-quality marijuana buds.

The success in tracking down this multi-layered smuggling network was attributable to the sense of purpose and the determination of the prosecutors responsible. They have guided the Drug Enforcement Center of the Taipei City Government Criminal Investigation Division in solving a number of large cases. The forensic operation of tracking down over two layers of trafficking to the origin as described above is the new anti-drug strategy formulated by Prosecutors Office for Taiwan High Court as part of the regional concerted actions. Our offices devise tactics in the busting of drug sources by focusing on the consumption behavior in our jurisdiction. The efforts by our

prosecutors in the instruction of police officers to set up a defense mechanism by sifting through layers of drug trafficking to the origin have paid off. Prosecutor Chiu-ping Lai received an award on July 25, 2017 for his contribution in the drug war. Up to date only two prosecutors in Taiwan have been granted this medal of honor. In addition to the above awarded cases, Prosecutor Chiu-ping Lai also worked with the Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance and the Criminal Investigation Bureau in January 2017 to detect cross-border trafficking of 132kg *Catha edulis* that contains cathinone. In this case, the Perpetrator, Miss Cheng, lived in Australia. The naturally produced weeds originated from Africa. The drugs were trafficked to Taiwan via other countries and then illegally re-exported to Australia. The difficulty in identifying drugs in such a case is rare and difficult. The Prosecutor, together with the Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance and the Criminal Investigation Bureau, jointly seized and detained hundreds of kilograms of drugs. Moreover, Prosecutor Shu-ting Yang received news about the trafficking of drugs through the use of medical

equipment in May 2017 and initiated an investigation with the Criminal Investigation Bureau and immediately captured the suspect Lin. Within less than one week, the medical equipment that had been sent was found, and another oxygen machine in the warehouse containing drugs was also found according to the clues. A Canadian man, named Gordon, and a Taiwanese man, surnamed Lin, used the medical equipment oxygen machine to hold 8kg of methamphetamines and assumed criminal responsibility. The prosecutors of the Bureau who actively cracked down on this cross-border drug trafficking have been granted a medal of honor.

## **V. Response to Changes in Funding for Illicit Drug Purchases and Money Laundering of Drug Trafficking Proceeds**

The production and consumption of illicit drugs is no longer bounded by geographic factors, as a result of rapid development of the Internet and the transportation system. The payment methods for cross-border drug traf-

ficking have also changed. We have received multiple reports on the use of payment with digital currencies for substances smuggled from overseas. The majority of such cases were the use of Bitcoin to purchase marijuana seeds from other countries for plantation in Taiwan. As this has become a frequent occurrence, the Anti-Drug Division has prioritized the tracking of drug purchase funding in order to effectively cut off the supply of illicit drug seeds for growth in Taiwan.

Traditional payment methods using cash and gold have been replaced by other methods. The wide acceptance of online transactions has made digital currencies an important payment and money laundry mechanism for drug dealing. The difficulty in tracking and the large trading volume of Bitcoin (based on blockchain technology) has made it the currency of choice for the trading of marijuana seeds. The development of relevant professional knowledge and investigation skillsets among prosecutors is urgent in order to put an end to the sourcing of illicit drugs. The Anti-Drug Division is hence moving out of its comfort zone in law.



On April 14, 2017, we invited specialists and scholars in electronic payments (recently opened by the Taiwanese government) and fintech (soon to be governed by new legislation in Taiwan) to give lectures on Blockchain technology, electronic payments, and regulatory sandboxes (e.g. the completion of the preliminary review by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Yuan, on November 8, 2017 of the draft titled the Financial Technology Innovation and Experiment Act). These speakers included adjunct research fellows from Academia Sinica, officers from the Banking Bureau of the Financial Supervisory Commission, the General Manager of the Financial Information Service, the Chief Strategy Officer of TAIWAN-CA Inc., and professors from National Taiwan University and National Quemoy University. The purpose was to establish multi-disciplinary thinking by combining the brainpower in academics, government agencies, and corporates. It is hoped that this will help prosecutors on the front line develop a keen awareness in the evolution of crime. The judges and prosecutors from the Taiwan Taipei District Court were also encouraged to join

these workshops. The sharing of the educational resources aims to promote concepts and enhance the effectiveness of regional joint efforts as a new defense against illicit drugs. On May 26, 2017, Director Huang of the Anti-Drug Division participated, on our behalf, in an anti-drug and anti-fraud strategic forum organized by the National Police Agency of the Ministry of Interior. On this occasion, experts and scholars with years of experience in combating substances examined pertinent issues such as investigations, campus drug problems, and assistance with abstinence.

## **VI. Implementation of New Anti-Drug Policy**

The Executive Yuan articulated its new anti-drug policy in a press conference convened by the Executive Yuan on May 11, 2017. On June 1, 2017, Chief Prosecutor from the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office, Tien-cheng Wang, was joined by Chief Prosecutor Ming-chen Ho, Chief Prosecutor Chang of the Taiwan Shilin District Prosecutors Office, Chief Prosecutor Tai-chao Hsing, and two directors from the Anti-Drug Divi-



sion of our offices to meet with Mayor Wen-je Ko of the Taipei City Government regarding the implementation of the new anti-drug policy. As drug takers are essentially patients, the Anti-Drug Division in our offices and Chief Probation Officer Tseng proposed a step-up to Mayor Ko in the subsidy program for abstinence. This proposal was developed by Chief Probation Officer Tseng based on the number of participants, success rates, and percentage of completion in the programs during the past five years. It is hoped that the subsidy can provide sufficient funding for the medical expenses and the effectiveness of the addiction treatment for low-income earners, low-to-medium in-

come households, patients with major injuries or diseases, mentally or physically challenged individuals who have trouble finding a job, and jobseekers (i.e. involuntary unemployed). Mayor Ko expressed his support at the meeting. According to the agreed proposal, the city government shall hand out subsidies for the recovery of drug addicts, as part of the deferred prosecution by our offices.

Taipei City Hospital issued a letter on September 30, 2016 to our offices, the Shilin District Prosecutors Office, Taiwan Taipei District Court, and Taiwan Shilin District Court, which stated that the Kunming Prevention and Control

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employed, or from other disadvantaged backgrounds. The treatment rendered by the hospital shall be placed under the monitoring of probation officers. The Drug Abuse Prevention Center under the Taipei City Government distributes subsidies to the patients and their families and provides support in job seeking. It is hoped that these efforts can form a tight and effective triangle in combating drugs, and can assist the defendants to meet the expected goal of addiction treatment. The vision for the Executive Yuan's new anti-drug policy calls for concerted efforts from different departments to ensure zero-tolerance for drugs in our homes.



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