



Press Release

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The Taipei District Prosecutors Office (TDPO) held a press conference on the fight against election bribery.

The elections of the President and the Vice President and legislators of the legislative Yuan will be hold on January 13, 2024. To enhance public awareness against election bribery, the TDPO held a press conference on December 1, 2023. Minister of Justice Tsai, Ching-hsiang, Prosecutor General Hsing, Tai-Chao, and Chief Prosecutor Chen, Hong-da from the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office personally attended, jointly declaring the government's determination to combat election bribery.

During Minister Tsai's address, he emphasized that in this year's election, apart from traditional issues like monetary influence and violent interventions, there will be continuous attention and thorough investigations into the impact of foreign hostile forces, gambling activities, and the spread of false information on elections. Minister Tsai specifically cited a case involving a member of a southern association who accepted hospitality for a trip to mainland China, potentially violating the Anti-Infiltration Act. He urged the public to be cautious when traveling to mainland China, avoiding instructions, commissions, or funding from foreign hostile forces to prevent legal repercussions.

Prosecutor General Hsing mentioned that foreign forces, false information, and gambling operations share a common factor – money. The Chinese

character "賄" in corruption literally means "having money". He urged the public to be aware that there is no free lunch and emphasized the need for heightened vigilance against evolving forms of bribery. He also expressed gratitude for the hard work of frontline colleagues in their diligent efforts to investigate and combat corruption.

During the press conference, the TDPO showcased videos and promotional materials titled "*Using Smart Phones to Collect Evidence, Everyone to join efforts to Against Election Bribery*" and "*Anti- Election Bribery, Guarding against False Information.*" TDPO utilized big data principles to identify popular public transportation hubs and frequently visited locations in the greater Taipei area for dissemination of information. The video and promotional materials emphasize "*anytime, anywhere*" to ensure that citizens could easily find information about reporting election bribery through the hotline "0800-024-099." Additionally, people were encouraged to use smartphones to capture evidence, scan QR codes, and submit reports online any time and place.

The event concluded with Minister Tsai and Prosecutor General Hsing leading the team in a "Anti-Bribery Action" clapperboard ceremony, symbolizing the initiative starting from Taipei and reaching across the nation, urging citizens to collectively safeguard Taiwan's democracy. Minister Tsai took the opportunity to express gratitude to the TDPO for aligning with the policies of the Ministry of Justice and conducting direct outreach in grassroots, remote areas, and communities. He acknowledged the positive impact of these efforts and praised the hard work of the anti-corruption team members. The collaboration of prosecution, police, investigation, and immigration authorities was highlighted as they collectively strive to protect Taiwan's democracy.

The Taipei District Prosecutors Office aims to provide the public with the

most immediate and reliable reporting channels, ensuring strict confidentiality measures for the identities of whistleblowers. This approach encourages people to confidently utilize the convenience of mobile technology for reporting bribery. The TDPO remains committed to the principles of "investigating upon receiving any information" and "handling cases based on evidence," working to purify the electoral atmosphere.

