



# Press Release

## Taipei District Prosecutors Office

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**The Taipei District Prosecutors Office has concluded its investigation into the case involving the defendant surnamed Zhou and others for violations of the Presidential and Vice Presidential Election and Recall Act. Indictments were filed today (29th).**

### **I. The result of investigation**

1. Defendant Zhou, ○-Qi(周 ○ 琦) has been indicted under Article 87, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 2 of the Presidential and Vice Presidential Election and Recall Act for allegedly bribing petitioners.
2. Defendants Fu, Li-○-Zhi (傅 李 ○ 治) and Pan, ○-Ying(潘 ○ 英), charged with violating Article 87, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 2 of the Presidential and Vice Presidential Election and Recall Act by offering bribes to petitioners, have been placed under deferred prosecution.
3. Defendant Lan, ○-Qi(藍 ○ 祺), Zhou, ○-Ling(周 ○ 菱) are not prosecuted as there is insufficient evidence to support the allegations.

### **II. Briefing the fact of indictment**

Zhou, ○-Qi (周 ○ 琦) attempted to pair with Lan, ○-Qi(藍 ○ 祺) (who has not been prosecuted) to run the 16th presidency and vice presidency. Subsequently, they applied for registration to Central Election Commission (referred to as CEC) through petition method. After paying the required deposit, CEC announced Lan, ○-Qi(藍 ○ 祺), Zhou, ○-Qi (周 ○ 琦) as candidates for 16th president and vice president on September 18th, 2023.

Zhou, ○-Qi(周 ○ 琦), in attempt to raise the numbers of petitions, collaborated with Pan ○-Ying(潘 ○ 英) and Fu, Li-○-Zhi (傅李 ○ 治)(the latter two receiving deferred prosecution). They collectively engaged in providing bribes to endorsers, facilitating them to communicate with specific individuals targeted for endorsement. Zhou, ○-Qi(周 ○ 琦) choose to conduct a campaign event and set up endorsement booths at Taipei Main Station Square on October 21st and 22nd, 2023 and instructed Pan ○-Ying (潘 ○ 英)and Fu, Li-○-Zhi (傅李 ○ 治)to invite individuals to attend. Apart from urging attendees to endorse, Lan, ○-Qi(藍 ○ 祺) and Zhou, ○-Qi (周 ○ 琦) on the spot during the event and distributing items such as rice wine, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Zhou ○-Qi(周 ○ 琦), at some point on October 21st, 2023, following Pan, ○-Ying(潘 ○ 英) had completed the endorsement process, handed Pan, ○-Ying (潘 ○ 英) 400NTD (Including 200 NTD as a substitute for Kao ○○)

Zhou, ○-Qi (周 ○ 琦) provided 600 NTD and instructed Pan ○-Ying (潘 ○ 英)to offer 200 NTD to each of the three individuals who came to endorse on the following day, at around 4:00 pm. Zhou, ○-Qi(周 ○ 琦) also handed in 4,000 NTD to Wu ○○ and the other 20 individuals recruited by Fu, Li-○-Zhi(傅李 ○ 治), beneath the eastern roof of the Asian Square building. Each individual was to receive 200 NTD during the same day, between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Zhou, ○-Qi (周 ○ 琦)then provided 200 NTD to Zhou ○○ completing the endorsement process a few days later, outside the Legislative Yuan (bribing a total of 26 people, each with 200 NTD).

### **III. Deferred prosecution**

Defendant Fu, Li-○-Zhi(傅李 ○ 治) and Pan, ○-Ying (潘 ○ 英)both admitted to the offenses, expressing remorse. A suspended prosecution with a duration of 1 year is deemed appropriate. Fu, Li-○-Zhi (傅李 ○ 治) and Pan, ○-Ying(潘 ○ 英) are required to complete legal education courses

of 6 hours and 3 hours, respectively, within 8 months from the date of the suspended prosecution determination.