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The First Case to Crack Down “Phantom Population” on Vote in Taipei County by Prosecutors

Based upon the verified information regarding a business owner, also identified as a borough chief in Banciao City, suspected of requiring his employees to falsely transfer the registered residence to Banciao City from somewhere else before July this year on the purpose of voting for a specific city councilor candidate, prosecutor Ming-Yu, Wang, Chun-Feng, Lin, Chung, Nieh, and Jui-Chuan, Chang led investigators of Taipei County Field Station, Investigation Bureau, Ministry of Justice to summon 18 employees suspected of breaching Article 146 paragraph 2 of the Criminal Code in the morning of October 27th.

After interrogation, all the employees admitted they have falsely transferred the registered residences to Banciao City to support a specific candidate.

Banciao District Prosecutors Office has listed “Phantom Population” as a key approach for investigating violation of election-related laws, and has asked the police to examine unusual move-in registration.

Prosecutors call upon all candidates not to defy the law, and appeal to citizens in similar situation for an immediate move-out registration or declination to cast the vote so that the illegal interference with the voting fairness can be avoided.