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**The First Case Involving Both Phantom Population And Bribery On Vote Revealed With The Candidate Taken Into Custody**

Banciao District Prosecutors Office (BDPO) received verified information regarding Mr. Lu, a borough chief candidate in Sanchung City, suspected of bribery on vote. He collected ID cards from people living elsewhere who were bribed and agreed to vote for him, and transferred their registered residences to his neighborhood. Approximately hundreds of people's residences have been transferred to the neighborhood for the purpose of affecting the outcome of the upcoming election. Head prosecutor Chen Yan-cheng, together with prosecutor Cheng Chuen-yu, led police to interrogate Mr. Lu and his accomplices on November 16<sup>th</sup>. After the interrogation, not only Mr. Lu but also his father and brother were detained by court.

Mr. Lu is the second borough chief candidate detained by court. It is also the first case in this election involving both phantom population and bribery on vote.

BDPO 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.