

Press Release

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The Crackdown on Illegal Bidders for Construction Contracts with Taiwan Water Corporation

Banciao District Prosecutors Office (BDPO) received information indicating that Jhu X-Wan, Syu X-Long and Cai X-Long, the co-founders of Wei-X Construction Company (concrete plants), have combined with more than ten other construction companies, trying to make a huge profit from the construction contracts signed with Taiwan Water Corporation (TWC). From 2008, the suspects have co-bid lots of pipeline laying construction contracts offered by the 12th Branch of TWC, and have obtained illegal profits by using inferior materials. In order to successfully getting the contracts and having their constructions verified, they were also involved with giving bribes to and providing sexual service for the employees of TWC. On January 4th 2011, after initial investigation, the prosecutor of BDPO directed the investigators of Investigation Bureau New Taipei City Agency to search 14 places with search warrants, and subsequently interrogated 16 suspects including contractors and TWC officials. The evidence obtained strongly suggested that the contractors Jhu X-Wan, Syu X-Long and Cai X-Long have violated Corruption Punishment Act Article 11 and Government Procurement Act article 87, and the section manager Lin and the inspector Liu of TWC have taken bribes. Based upon their huge suspicion of criminal activities, the probabilities of evidence concealment and witness contamination, the prosecutor made the request for pre-trial detention, which was allowed by court at 4 am the following morning (January 5th).