## The Voice You Raise, The Progress We Make

## Here comes the train bound for judicial reform!

In order to take action on judicial issues, fill the gap and build the bridge with the hearts and minds of the people, a series of meetings about judicial reform is carefully planned by Banciao District Prosecutors Office (BDPO). Led by Chief Prosecutor Tsai, Bi-Yu, and joined by senior and outstanding head prosecutors, BDPO encourages the public to speak freely about their expectations of judicial reform, and promises to listen without prejudice to those views with humbleness, diligence, and sincerity. All kinds of suggestions are welcome.

In response to the populous, culturally diverse, and geographically extensive characteristics of the land under the jurisdiction of BDPO, the meetings are scheduled to be held initially at Banciao & Tucheng Districts, the seat of BDPO, followed by Xinzhuang & Taishan Districts, a highly industrialized area, then shifted to Sanchong & Luzhou Districts, a place known for its cultural beauty, and finally at Zhonghe & Yonghe Districts, a region famous for its density of population. BDPO will practically reach out its hands to the people, and make sure that everyone's voice will be heard in the widest and deepest manner.

The meetings will be held from district to district. Standing in the shoes of the citizens, the meetings will focus on the judicial issues that concern the public most, ranging from "sentencing", "secrecy of investigation", "the proper exercise of prosecutorial power", to "protection of victims". Through communication, exchange of opinions can be made, mutual understanding will be reached, and efforts can be taken to move toward the goal of judicial reform.

Attended by members of "Modern Women's Foundation", "Taipei Women' Rescue Foundation", "The Garden of Hope Foundation", "Awakening Foundation", "Justice League", "Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Center of New Taipei City Government", and other well-known associations in Banciao & Tucheng Districts, the first meeting is scheduled to take place at the conference room of BDPO at 2pm on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the focus of which is the primary issue of "sentencing" with subtopics such as "The expectation of sentence pleaded by the prosecutors and rendered by the judges" and "The reform of the prosecutorial system". The other three meetings are also under preparation, and will be held respectively on May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and July 29<sup>th</sup>.

The meetings are all led by Chief Prosecutor Tsai, Bi-Yu, and respectively joined

by a total of 12 head prosecutors to exchange views with the attending guests. By holding the meetings, BDPO will shorten the distance and get acquainted with the people, put different views in harmony as references for the reform of the prosecution system, and integrate the strength of the people so that judicial reform can be eventually realized.