

Discussion Held with U.S. Officials from Homeland Security Department

To enhance the techniques for detecting cross-border money laundering and pursue better understanding of the procedure of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters between US and Taiwan, Banciao District Prosecutors Office (BDPO), with the assistance from American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), held an informal meeting in which US officials from the Department of Homeland Security were invited to share experiences and exchange opinions on money laundering investigation.

Around 14:15 July 14th, US officials were welcomed by Chief Prosecutor Tsai Bi-Yu, who sincerely appreciated their long journey from US to share experiences on money laundering investigation with prosecutors of BDPO. All the distinguished guests were impressed when Chief Prosecutor Tsai, on behalf of BDPO, greeted them with paperweights and handmade pottery teacups. Made by the prisoners from Taipei Prison, the teacups were inscribed with the Chinese names of the US officials.

Chaired by Chief Prosecutor Tsai, the discussion started at 14:30 when US officials began to share their experiences on money laundering investigation. The investigation procedure and techniques were further explained by the speakers when they introduced some real cases and information sources. Afterwards, prosecutors and US guests enthusiastically exchanged views and experiences. All the attending prosecutors learned a lot from the discussion. Thanking the visitors once again for sharing their experiences at the cost of their leisure time, Chief Prosecutor Tsai expressed her hope to keep interaction in the future. Accompanying officials from AIT press section answered with a promise to invite prosecutors to take part in relating programs and video conferences as a way to keep and strengthen better understanding and mutual assistance. The discussion, in a warm and friendly atmosphere, ended around 17:00.