

## **Environmental Crime Investigation Center Founded to Fight Environmental Illegality**

Determined to coordinate efforts from public and private sectors to target environmental crimes, and to promote a sustainable and pollution-free environment as the legacy for our next generation, Banciao District Prosecutors Office (BDPO), founded Environmental Crime Investigation Center (ECIC) on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2011.

ECIC was convened by Chief Prosecutor Tsai Bi-Yu of BDPO. With Head Prosecutor Tzeng Wen-Jung as its executive secretary and the best trained team of elite prosecutors as its task force, ECIC will further strengthen its power with the help from environmental administration and police force as well as environmental-friendly groups in its effort to eradicate environmental wrongdoing. Any valuable report of suspicious environmental illegality, regardless of its source, will trigger the investigation process in ECIC.

ECIC has the following goals. The first one is to unify all relevant public and private efforts in the pursuit to wipe out or reduce environmental crimes that are taking place in our fresh air, our beautiful sea, or on our beloved mother land. Also, ECIC is determined to uncover hidden offenders who endanger our environment, especially those with intent to make huge profits. Finally, ECIC does not hesitate to act as the guardian of ecology and environment, both of which are essential to cultural richness.

If “Mother Nature” remains in poetry or lyrics for us to quote, greed and ambition will eventually learn how to move their lips as camouflage. Looking back, we found ourselves deeply disturbed by the deceiving fact that the economic development, which won worldwide reputation for us, led to our notorious pollution. With our eyes shut, Formosa, the name that we all take pride in, will finally become an elusive memory in the wind. In a day when our minds are easily preoccupied with economic development, environmental protection is not only a subject for professional study, but also a critical issue that deserves our attention. Only if we lead “Mother Nature” out of poetry collections and cherish her like gold, can she ever earn the glory and dignity she deserves.