

## **Conference on “Investigation and Inspection of Anti-Bribery Election by Prosecutors and Other Investigative Agencies” held by Banciao District Prosecutors Office**

The Banciao District Prosecutors Office convened a conference on the topic of the incoming 13th presidential and 8th legislative elections on November 14, 2011. Attending, for the purpose of hearing briefs and disseminating instructions for critical tasks, were Minister of Justice, Zeng Yong-Fu; Prosecutor-General, Huang Shi-Ming; Chief prosecutor of Taiwan High Prosecutors Office, Yen Da-he; Deputy Director of the National Police Agency, Lin Guo-Dung; Chief of the Investigation Bureau, Jang Ju-Ping; Deputy Director of the Agency Against Corruption, Jang Hung-Mou; and Chief of Prosecutorial Affairs, Sung Guo-Ye.

The conference convened with head prosecutor Lin Je-Huei delivering his brief, followed by briefs from other participating investigative agencies. Topics and ideas discussed included the bottleneck of enforcement and practical issues in enforcing the anti-bribery election mission, to encourage enforcers and to expect efficient enforcement. The Minister of Justice and other agency participants not only praised each unit’s performance, but also noted concrete anti-bribery election directions in anticipation of the intense job to be done, to the best efforts of enforcement, before the election commences. With regard to the propaganda of anti-bribery election, we should direct and correct citizens of wrongful notions of taking advantage of bribery election when any community assembly or community safety meeting commences around communities.

Other than promoting the dissemination of information regarding anti-bribery election, the Chief Prosecutor of the Banciao District Prosecutors Office, Tsai Pi-Yu, demanded that all task forces strictly abide by “administrative neutrality”, as well as the declarations by the Prosecutor-General, “investigation is off boundary, off upper limit, off time limit, off the hook of party-oriented and off identity”. One goal declared by the Ministry of Justice calls for full investigation of the network of vote brokers as well as a full trace from root to source when

enforcing anti-bribery election commission. It is essential that Prosecutors Offices initiate press releases after reviewing all relevant evidence of bribery cases in order to inform citizens of the determination. The strengthening of communications within and between each agency, nurtures full cooperation and ensures efficiency in purifying the election process, fostering clean politics, and fulfills the goal of achieving a safe and happy environment for citizens.