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The Outcome of the Investigation on School Lunch Bribery Scandal 2012.2.23

20 principals (16 elementary school ones, 3 junior high school ones, and 1 senior high school one), 22 people from 10 catering firms, a senior high school student affairs officer, a junior high school general services director, and 6 selection committee members were indicted on February 23, 2012 after the third-phase investigation by prosecutors from Banciao District Prosecutors Office (BDPO). The crime proceeds surrendered by the suspects have amounted to NTD 32.6395 million until February 20th. The offenses indicted and the sentences sought are as follows:

1. The meal suppliers:

Li Murou and the other 21 meal suppliers all violated article 11 of Anti-Corruption Act for bribing officials to breach their duties. Prosecutors recommended the court to commute the punishment of 8 meal suppliers including Wei Fulai because they confessed to crime during investigation.

Seven principals, Wu Yumie, Li Yingzong, Tsai Paochun, Li Mingsheng, Chiu Chungyin, Shen Jinfa, and Wu Wenqin all confessed to their crimes of receiving bribery from Lian Guoyou. The content of their confessions were matched with the account books and monitor records. However, Lian Guoyou still denied all the charges and

refused to cooperate with investigators. Therefore prosecutors sought the sentence of 7-year imprisonment on Lian Guoyou.

2. Principals and officers taking bribes and making profits for themselves and the others:

Lai Jiehong from SiXian Elementary School, Zeng Xuejiao from Zhongyuan Elementary School leaked out lists of evaluation committee to catering firms, so that the firms could notify, communicate with, and bribe members of the committee to ensure getting the bidder. Luo Funan from Xinho Elementary School, Xiao Daozhi from Yixue Elementary School, Shen Jinfa from Beixin Elementary School, Huang Huiyao from Jiangcui Junior High School, Zhang Wanlong from Zhonghe Elementary School, Yang Yiyuan from Luzhou Elementary School, Fu Zhengfu from Wugu Elementary School (retired), Chen Qiaomu from Deyin Elementary School, Lai Liangong from Wende Elementary School, Zhang Junzhe from Wenlin Elementary School, Xiao Maosheng from Guanghua Elementary School, Zhang Wenda from Fengnian Elementary School, Cai Xuejiao from Lilin Elementary School, Zhang Shiming from Shulin Senior High School, Guo Qingji, general services director from Yixue Junior High School, Yang Binghao, student affairs officer from Jinho Senior High School, Chiu Chungyin from Guangfu Elementary School, and Wu Wenqin from Xinxing Elementary School, all accepted bribes from the meal suppliers and violated article 4 of Anti-Corruption Act for breaching their duties and charging bribery.

The prosecutor recommended the court to commute the

punishment of Lai Jiehong and Zeng Xuejiao because they confessed to crime. Luo Funan, Shen Jinfu, Zhang Junzhe, and Wu Wenqin had surrendered themselves, and returned all bribes from the meal suppliers. Therefore prosecutors recommended the court to commute their penalty by two thirds. Huang Huiyao, Zhang Wanlong, Yang Yiyuan, Fu Zhengfu, Chen Qiaomu, Lai Liangong, Cai Xuejiao, Yang Binghao, and Chiu Chungyin confessed their offenses during investigation, and returned all the unlawful gains. Prosecutors recommended the court to commute their punishment.

Despite confessions from meal suppliers, account books, and monitor records, Xiao Daozhi, Zhang Wenda, Zhang Shiming, Xiao Maosheng, and Guo Qingji still denied all the offenses. Prosecutors sought the sentence of 15-year imprisonment on Xiao Daozhi, 13-year imprisonment each on Zhang Wenda and Zhang Shiming, and 12-year imprisonment each on Xiao Maosheng, and Guo Qingji because of their refusal to confess to crime and the degree of their corruption.

3. The members of selection committee:

Peng Qingyong and the other 5 members of selection committee all violated article 5 of Anti-Corruption Act for charging bribery without breaching their duties. As members of selection committee, holding important powers of determining the bidders, they could not avoid receiving unjust benefits for such a long time. Consequently, prosecutors requested the court to give all of them the appropriate sentences. On the other hand, Peng Qingyong as well as the other 2 members made confessions during investigation, and handed over all

crime proceeds; therefore, prosecutors recommended the court to commute their penalties.