

## **“Agreement on Cooperative Program for Law Interns” Signed with College of Law, National Chengchi University**

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, Banciao District Prosecutors Office (BDPO) and College of Law, National Chengchi University (NCCU), signed the “Agreement on Cooperative Program for Law Interns,” upon which College of Law, NCCU, on the same day of its validation, selected four senior students to attend the program lasting twenty days in BDPO. It established the precedent for cooperation between district prosecutors office and law school in Taiwan.

“This cooperative program initiates the interaction between district prosecutors office and academia. College students are those caring the future of our country. Especially, law school students dominate the pool from which potential judges and prosecutors come. BDPO has dedicated herself with sincerity to the realization of this program, through which the operation of our office could be understood, and the comprehension of legal practice would be enhanced. This program also broadens the horizon of law school students and serves as a reference for their future planning,” said Tsai Pi-Yu, Chief Prosecutor of BDPO.

Bearing in mind the relevant legal statutes governing the prohibition of investigation disclosure and the protection of personal information, BDPO requires that this program mainly focus on public prosecution in the trial proceedings. The head prosecutor and prosecutors at the public prosecution division in BDPO are invited as tutors for College of Law, NCCU. Under their guidance, the students are provided with the opportunity to observe real case handling and experience the lives of prosecutors through visits, participation of the weekly meeting for intern prosecutors and keynote speech in BDPO, as well as courtroom auditing and explanation. The program specifically includes the illustration of different judicial roles and case proceedings outlining the body examination, autopsy, preliminary interrogation, investigation, public prosecution, criminal trial and the enforcement of court rulings. Analysis of concrete cases, law movies discussion, career planning for law majors and the experience of preparing for the national examination are also available at every opportunity. It is believed that this program shall substantially benefit us on the way to fulfillment and elevation of legal education.