



## Press Release

### Taipei District Prosecutors Office

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#### **Investigating foreign election interference, Taipei District Prosecutors Office has summoned 18 members of certain friendship society and detained 2 of its executives.**

Upon receiving tips about foreign interference in Taiwan's elections, Taipei District Prosecutors Office immediately appointed Prosecutor Yan(顏) to pursue relevant leads aggressively. On Dec.27, 2023, Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau Taipei City Field Division and Taipei City Police Department Datong Precinct served warrants on eight separate locations and summoned 18 people to appear before authority.

After extensive questionings, Lee(李) and Song(宋) were suspected to have been instructed, commissioned or funded by sources of infiltration to make people with the right to vote to exercise it in a certain manner by delivering bribes and other undue benefits, and thus breaching Anti-Infiltration Act Article 7, Presidential and Vice Presidential Election and Recall Act Article 86 Paragraph 1, and Public Officials Election and Recall Act Article 99 Paragraph 1. On Dec.28, 2023, Lee(李) and Song(宋) were taken into custody and held incommunicado. As for other suspects, Yeh(葉) was released on NT\$50,000 bail, while others were sent home.

Instructed by Anhui Community Taiwan office and the United Front Work Department of CCP, suspects Lee(李), Song(宋), and Yeh(葉), all executives of certain friendship society in Taipei, coordinated trips for members and

relatives, a total of 27 people, of aforesaid society to Anhui Province with discounted accommodations, transportation and meals. During their travels, from Oct.29 to Nov.5, 2023, all expenses were subsidized by China intending to sway participants to support certain political parties and presidential candidates. Acting as a proxy for China in an attempt to bribe voters, Lee(李) has received a CNY\$30,000 pay off, and the money was deposited into his personal bank account later on.

After a thorough investigation, Lee(李) and Song(宋) are strongly suspected of having committed said crimes and may destroy evidence or conspire with a co-offender or witness, Prosecutor Yan(顏) finds it necessary to take the two into custody and held incommunicado.

Responding to authoritarian countries intervene in the elections of democratic Taiwan, Taipei District Prosecutors Office spares no effort to investigate and prosecute any ill-conceived illegal acts intending to influence Taiwan's election. Taipei District Prosecutors Office also asks the public to be vigilant before accepting unknown fundings and obviously inappropriate paid-trips involving promising to support certain candidates or parties during election cycle.