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- 1. The Special Investigation Division (SID) was formed by the Prosecutor General pursuant to Article 63.1 of the Court Organic Act by selecting prosecutors of excellent conduct, outstanding performance, rich experience and high resistance to stress after the review of the Prosecutor Personnel Review Committee. Therefore, the coverage on "Prosecutor Wu Wen-chung begs LY Minister Wang chin-ping to lobby for his prosecutor post" is irrelevant to the facts.
- 2. After receiving the referral of the Kaohsiung MRT and political donation cases of Hsieh Chang-ting from the High Prosecutors' Office of Kaohsiung Branch of Taiwan High Court and the District Prosecutors' Office of Kaohsiung District Court of Taiwan, SIT has assigned them to prosecutors of different subsections according to relevant regulations. Whereas the cases undertaken by Prosecutor Chu Chao-liang, Prosecutor Chou Chih-jung, Prosecutor Wu Wen-chung, Prosecutor Lin Hui, Prosecutor Yuch Fang-ju and Prosecutor Li Hai-lung are interrelated with one another, they have discussed the case together and worked on them by means of division of labor in order to get a fuller picture of these cases and to investigate them at the same pace. Therefore, there is no sign of "one-section rule".
- 3. As the Kaohsiung District Court of Taiwan has not specified in the court decisions on the corruption case of Wu Meng-te and that there are many doubts in his testimony concerning the Kaohsiung MRT case, it is necessary for SIT to further investigate them because they are interrelated with the cases under investigation. Therefore, Prosecutor Wu Wen-chung invited the interested party Wu Meng-te to the Taiwan High Prosecutors' Office for a pre-interrogation interview to understand more about the case. At the interview, prosecutors of related cases asked him if he didn't tell the whole truth in the previous trial as mentioned in the court decision. They also suggested Wu to supply valid information about the cases under investigation in order to clarify the doubts. Wu expressed his consent to consider the suggestion. Therefore, SIT decided to interview Wu on another day for a statement. It is a standard procedure of investigation and has nothing to do with an "instigation to supply unfavorable information against Hsieh Chang-ting" as covered by the media.
- 4. Besides responding to the head prosecutor and the prosecutor general, Prosecutor Wu did not reveal any progress and actions taken during the investigation. Therefore, the coverage "Prosecutor Wu discloses investigation actions of this case to KMT executives" is irrelevant to the facts.

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