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The handover ceremony between the old and new prosecutor generals was held today (January 24) at 11:30am at the Supreme Prosecutors' Office under the supervision of Justice Minister Shih Mao-lin. After former Prosecutor General Wu Ying-Chao handed over the seal to new Prosecutor General Chen, the new era of Taiwan's prosecutor system was official. With the amendment to the Court Organic Act as passed last year, the prosecutor general has to be nominated by the president and approved by the legislature, instead of simply appointed by the president as it was in the past. This indicates that the appointment of the prosecutor general must now stand the test of public opinion. Furthermore, as the Supreme Prosecutors' Office will form the Special Investigation Division to investigate severe corruption, election bribery and economic crime, the handover of the old and new prosecutor generals is indicative and fully reflects the public expectation for justice and defiance of authority from prosecutors.

New Prosecutor General Chen expressed in his speech, besides continuing to correct illegal conviction and unify the applicability of laws and regulations, he will devote his time to self-rectification, anti-corruption, anti-swindling and election bribery investigations. He will form SIT within 2 months to fight severe corruption and financial crime in order to win public trust and support. Prosecutor General Chen expects all prosecutors to maintain good conduct and neutrality, improve their expertise, follow the procedural justice, concern people and the unprivileged, realize the unity strength of prosecutors, take up the spontaneous investigation reasonability, uphold with procedural justice, defy authority, pursue justice and protect the public. Prosecutor General Chen guarantees that he and all prosecutors will face the public with a humble attitude and fight crime without fear in order to be loyal to the law, to repay citizens without qualms, and to accept the test of history.

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