

Regarding the indictment of Former-President Chen Shui-bian and other defendants for corruption and negligence of duty by the SPO, the judgment of such cases was announced at 16:00 this afternoon (11th of September) by Taiwan Taipei District Court; the SPO hereby declares as follows:

1. The investigation and handling of significant national corruption and negligence of duty cases under the jurisdiction of the Special Investigation Division of the SPO, and such jurisdiction cannot be re-assigned or avoided. In order to rectify official misconduct and to ensure proper official behavior, the Special Investigation Division of the SPO, when handling Former-President Chen Shui-bian and other defendants' involvement in corruption and negligence of duties charges, always complies with due process of law and maintains a fair and just attitude at the time of exercise of its authorities related to investigation, indictment and public prosecution. It also treats the legal system with respect and accepts the outcome prescribed in the court's judgment.
2. After accepting the case, the Taiwan Taipei District Court, facing attention from the public, examined the case based on the grouping adjudication principle, actively carried out litigation procedures, concluded the case smoothly and rendered a judgment according to law. The SPO hereby shows its appreciation of and respect for Court.
3. Having learned that most of the charges from the SPO have been acknowledged by the Court, however, as to the related facts, evidence and reasons determined in the judgment, the SPO will closely study the judgment after its receipt and consider whether to file an appeal against the part favorable or unfavorable to the defendants.

The Supreme Prosecutors Office