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The Supreme Prosecutors Office held a meeting this afternoon (Dec. 14) to “discuss investigative and prosecutorial matters relating to the 2013 Farmers and Fishermen’s elections”. The “Guidelines Governing Investigation and Prosecution Relating to 2013 Farmers and Fishermen’s Elections” have been proposed to guide the prosecutorial, police, investigative and ethics authorities, as well as the competent authorities for farmers and fishermen’s affairs.

In order to prevent money and violence from interfering with the general re-election of the farmers and fishermen’s associations as well as the appointment of general directors (starting March 2, 2013 for farmers’ associations, and March 16, 2013 for fishermen’s associations), during the “2nd National Conference of Prosecutors in 2012” on November 27, 2012, Prosecutor-General Huang of the Supreme Prosecutors Office directed that chief prosecutors at all levels must be prepared in advance to undertake the required investigative/prosecutorial work before the 2013 farmers and fishermen’s associations general re-elections. To facilitate coordination of the elections, the SPO has also invited the Supervisor of Guidance Office of the Executive Yuan’s Council of Agriculture, the Director of the Fisheries’ Agency, the

Director-General of the Agency Against Corruption of the Ministry of Justice, the Director of the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau, and chief prosecutors of the appellate prosecutorial offices to jointly attend the meeting this afternoon, to discuss cooperation in investigating any corruption.

The meeting discussed and passed the draft “Guidelines Governing Investigation and Prosecution Relating to 2013 Farmers and Fishermen’s Elections” (totaling 10 articles), and resolved that the SPO will establish a “Supervisory Taskforce for Investigation and Prosecution of Bribery and Violence in Elections” on February 6, 2013. Prosecutorial offices at each district court will also synchronously establish “Enforcement Taskforces for Investigation and Prosecution of Bribery and Violence in Elections” as well as “Coordination Centers for Election Investigation and Prosecution”, where designated personnel will be on duty in shifts to handle any complaints, petitions and surrenders regarding criminal cases involving interference with elections. Prosecutor-General Huang required the prosecutorial, police, investigative and ethical authorities to prioritize investigation and prosecution relating to these elections, and must be conscientious and work closely together to ensure that bribery and violence do not interfere with the elections. Prosecutor-General Huang also issued the following 3 conclusions:

1. Passed the amended draft to the “Guidelines Governing Investigation and Prosecution Relating to 2013 Farmers and Fishermen’s Elections”, which will be submitted for approval by the Ministry of Justice and then sent to each attending authority for their compliance.
2. Prior to establishment of the “Enforcement Taskforces for Investigation and Prosecution of Bribery and Violence in Elections”, the district prosecutors’

offices should work more closely with the local police, investigative, ethical, farmers and fishermen's administrative authorities, and should assign prosecutors to be specifically responsible for handling the investigative and prosecutorial work for these elections.

3. District prosecutors' offices and the Agency Against Corruption of the Ministry of Justice are requested to work more closely with the farmers and fishermen's administrative authorities, in educating the public about anti-corruption through varying educational channels.