

## Supreme Prosecutors Office Press Release



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### **Full Launch of Investigations and Prosecution Relating to the 2013 Farmers And Fishermen's Elections!**

In order to prevent money and violence interfering with the farmers and fishermen's associations elections in 2013, the Supreme Prosecutors Office (SPO) will establish a "Supervisory Taskforce for Investigation and Prosecution of Bribery and Violence in Elections" on February 6, 2013, pursuant to the resolutions of the meeting on "Matters Regarding Investigations and Prosecution Relating to the 2013 Farmers and Fishermen's Elections" on December 14, 2012, and in accordance with the "Guidelines Governing Investigation and Prosecution Relating to 2013 Farmers and Fishermen's Elections" approved by the Ministry of Justice. The Taskforce will be specifically responsible for supervising and guiding the investigations and prosecution of any interference with the elections on this occasion. Prosecutorial offices in each district court will also establish the "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 to handle any complaints, petitions and surrenders regarding criminal cases involving interference with elections.

Prosecutor-General Huang of the SPO places great importance on these

elections. During the “2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference of Prosecutors in 2012” on November 27, 2012, Prosecutor-General Huang directed chief prosecutors at all levels to prepared in advance to undertake the required investigative/prosecutorial work before the 2013 farmers and fishermen’s associations general re-elections. On December 14, 2012 he had further 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 National Police Administration of the Ministry of the Interior, 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 discuss cooperation in investigating any corruption. Prosecutor-General Huang has required all prosecutorial, police, investigative and ethical authorities to place priority on investigation and prosecution relating to these elections, and to cooperate fully with the Council of Agriculture organizations to eradicate the influences of bribery and violence in the elections.

As of February 4, 2013, no complaints have been lodged in respect of the fishermen’s association elections. 44 complaints in respect of 86 defendants (all referenced as *Ta-Zi* matters) have been received in respect of the farmers’ association elections; amongst these, 30 cases involving 61 defendants concerned allegations of bribery, and investigation has been concluded in one case, with investigations still on-going for the remaining 29 cases; 5 cases involving 8 defendants concerned allegations of violence, and investigations are all on-going; there are 9 other cases involving 17 defendants, and investigation has been concluded in one case, with investigations still on-going for the remaining 8 cases.