

## Supreme Prosecutors Office News Release



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**The Special Investigation Division (SID) of this Office joined forces with the Taichung District Prosecutors Office in directing the Central Mobilization Station in enforcement of the “Zheng Ji Project” yesterday (August 28).**

**Explanation of follow-up procedures is as follows:**

1. The SID enforced the “Zheng Ji Project” yesterday (Aug. 28), investigating the alleged taking of bribes by Judge Hu OO of the Taichung Court of Taiwan High Court (“Taichung High Court”). The SID searched the judge’s office at Taichung High Court, the residence and other relevant premises of Hu OO in the morning. The search of Hu’s residence found more than NT\$2 million in cash, as well as liquor gift boxes and Chinese tea gift boxes valued at more than NT\$1 million. The SID also found that Hu OO has hidden more than NT\$20 million cash in safe deposit boxes in other people’s names.
2. After interrogations of 13 people including Judge Hu OO and a number of related parties, the SID believes that Judge Hu OO and accomplice Huang OO are seriously involved in offenses including taking bribes in violation of their statutory duties, which are offenses with a minimum principal sentence of 5 years or more term imprisonment. There are also sufficient facts to show that the defendants are likely to collude with witnesses, destroy evidence and run, so that they must be taken into custody to ensure prosecution, adjudication and enforcement procedures can be carried out. They have therefore been advised immediately upon the conclusion of interrogations at 0:07 and 1:08am this morning (Aug. 29) respectively that they were under arrest. At 3:00am on the same morning, the SID applied to the Taichung District Court to take the defendants into custody, and to prohibit receiving of visitors or communications. The prosecutors have also interrogated Liao OO and Huang OO, and believe that they are seriously involved in fraud and the giving bribes in breach of their duties, with sufficient facts to show that they are likely to collude with witnesses, destroy evidence and run; they must therefore be taken into custody to ensure prosecution, adjudication and enforcement procedures can be carried

out. They have therefore been advised immediately upon the conclusion of interrogations at 0:31 and 1:26am this morning (Aug. 29) respectively that they were under arrest. At 3:00am on the same morning, the SID applied to the Taichung District Court to take the defendants into custody, and to prohibit receiving of visitors or communications. Qiu OO has been alleged to be guilty of bribery, and the interrogations show that the allegations are founded. However, since he has confessed to the offense, the SID considers that it is unnecessary to take him into custody, and has allowed him to be released upon posting bail of NT\$3 million. The attorney Lin OO is suspected to be seriously involved in assisting the taking of bribery; however, it is considered unnecessary to take him into custody, and he is placed under restrictions of residence. All remaining parties have been released.