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The Special Investigation Division (“SID”) of this Office, joined forces with the Taichung District Prosecutors Office to investigate allegations including bribery by Judge Hu, Jing-Bin of the Taichung Branch of the Taiwan High Court, and had recently applied to the Taiwan Taichung District Court (“Taichung District Court”) to take Hu, Jing-Bin, Huang, O-Ling, Huang, O-Chan, and Liao, O-Li into custody, and also obtained approval of the same at August 29th, 2013. The detention period will expire at October 28th, 2013. During the detention period, the SID had been intensively investigating the aforementioned defendants. However, the defendant Hu, Jing-Bin’s second cohabitant, Huang, O-Chan, in the name of nominees or herself, rented three safe deposit boxes separately from both of the JianXing Branch and the Port of Taichung Branch of the Bank of Taiwan, and the Jhong Gang Branch of the City Bank, for hiding up to NT 23.97 million dollars from unknown sources, which needs to be further investigated. Furthermore, those two defendants, Hu, Jing-Bin and Huang, O-Chan, jointly conducted offenses including accepting bribes in violation of their statutory duties, which are offenses with a minimum principal sentence of 5 years or more term imprisonment, and these two people, due to the large number of foreign assets, are likely to run. In addition, those cases are complex, there are discrepancies among the statements of all detained defendants, and many witnesses still need to be summoned for interrogation. In sum, the forgoing facts sufficiently contribute to possibility of them colluding with witnesses and destroying evidence, so that the reason for detention does not cease, and the detention cannot be replaced with release on bail. The SID had submitted the application for extension of detention and relating evidences to the Taichung District Court for applying the same in accordance with laws at October 22th, 2013. After holding a hearing for extension of detention at PM 2:10, October 23th, 2013, the Taichung High Court has decided to extend the detention of all the aforementioned four defendants by written ruling this morning (October 24th).