

Taiwan Shilin District Prosecutors office Press Release

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Statement by the Prosecutors Office Regarding the Investigation into Alleged Misappropriation of Charitable Assets. Upon careful consideration of the protection of public interest, it is deemed necessary to make the following public disclosure.

Due to a charitable organization suspected of misappropriating the association's funds and other related offenses, on the 21st of this month, under the command of the prosecutor, the Taipei City Field Division of the Investigation Bureau, Ministry of Justice, conducted lawful searches at four locations, including the association's offices in Taipei City and New Taipei City, as well as the residences of the suspects.

The defendants, surnamed Chen and Hsiao, were interrogated by the prosecutor, who determined that they are suspected of committing the following criminal offenses:

- (1) Use of forged private documents, in violation of Articles 210 and 216 of the Criminal Code;
- (2) Fraud committed jointly by three or more persons for unlawful gain, in violation of Article 339-4, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 2 of the Criminal Code;
- (3) Misappropriation of property intended for public welfare, in violation of Article 336, Paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code;
- (4) Money laundering, in violation of the latter part of Article 19, Paragraph 1 of the Money Laundering Control Act.

Given the criminal suspicion and the risks of absconding, destruction of evidence, collusion with co-defendants or witnesses, and repeated commission of similar offenses, the prosecutor filed a motion with the court for custodial detention and prohibition of visitation, which was granted.

This Office will continue to uphold the principle of neither wrongful prosecution nor wrongful acquittal, and will conduct a thorough investigation in accordance with the law to safeguard the public interest.