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Joint Investigation into Alleged Illegalities Involving Industrial, Governmental and Academic Sectors in the Bid over the Bade Affordable Housing Project of Taoyuan County Government Conducted by the Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice and the Taipei District Prosecutors Office

A joint investigation has been conducted by the Agency Against Corruption (AAC), Ministry of Justice and the Taipei District Prosecutors Office (TDPO) against a Taoyuan County deputy commissioner over allegations of bribery in violation of duties involving Farglory Land Development Co. while serving as the moderator and a member of the selection committee for the bids on the affordable housing project in Bade Township. Prosecutors Chen Yu-ping, Chang Chi-yao and Huang Kuan-yun, along with more than 100 agents, searched 20 premises today (May 30, 2014) – including the homes and offices of the suspect and the Farglory Land Development Co., seizing related evidence and bringing back the suspect and witnesses, 17 people in all, for interrogating

In order to win the tender for the Bade Affordable Housing Project held by the Taoyuan County Government in 2014, Farglory Land Development Co. instructed its employees to offer bribes to this particular deputy commissioner through an architecture professor at a national university in exchange for the awarding of the tender. This particular deputy commissioner promptly demanded bribes from the company and completed the signing of the contract on May 8, 2014, enabling Farglory Land Development Co. to obtain illegal profit. Over NT\$18 million in cash – suspected to be bribe money – was seized in today's searches, and the AAC will cooperate with the prosecutors to continue the investigation of accomplices in the industrial, governmental and academic sectors.