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Utilizing the Anti-corruption Network Platform to Collaboratively Prevent and Control the Scalpers of Labor and Agricultural Insurance

Today (14th), Mr. Chu, the Director-General of the Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice and Mr. Luo Wu-Hu, the President and CEO of the Bureau of Labor Insurance, Council of Labor Affairs, Executive Yuan (hereinafter referred to as BLI) jointly hosted a press conference “Scalpers Hunting Project”, announcing the achievement of exposed scalpers of labor and agriculture insurance over the years by the use of an anti-corruption network platform.

Given the public’s resentment caused by the scalpers of labor and agriculture insurances who have been long-time shuttling among major medical institutions and local grass-roots villages to recruit agency workers for extracting high returns of labor and agricultural insurance coverage as well as exploiting labors and farmers’ insurance benefits or even using borrowed accounts or fraudulent job accidents to fraudulently obtain insurance benefits, Luo Wu-Hu stated that the results of the Bureau’s survey which focuses on the issue of “The Public’s Cognition of Scalpers of Labor and Agricultural

Insurance” showed that more than half (51.5%) of scalper cases actively approaching occur in the “hospitals”, while the rest (45.5%) are conducted in “grass-roots villages” through a variety of ways such as personal introduction, leaflet distribution, door to door visits or telephone contact. Therefore, after selecting the medical institutions as the main partner and through the measure of Cross-border plan, the Agency Against Corruption has integrated the Department of Health, the Veterans Affairs Commission of the Executive Yuan, public hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Taipei City Government and each county (city) government to establish an anti-corruption platform to prevent and control labor and agricultural insurance scalpers. This platform controls the activities of labor and agricultural insurance scalpers via feedback information after multi-faceted advocacy and promotion, and combines with the information system of BLI to send suspicious cases being compared and investigated for prosecution so as to protect people's labor and agricultural insurance benefits from being exploited by scalpers.

Under the cooperation of the Agency Against Corruption and the BLI, there were 77 letters of information on scalpers mailed in 2012, involving 135 cases suspected of being involved in scalping activities. The continuation of such measures has resulted in 52 letters of information being received in the first half of 2013, of which 60 cases are discovered to be involved in scalper activity. The implementation of the prevention and control network has shown significant effectiveness.

Director-General Chu stated that, as a exclusive integrity authority and on the key concept of “Corruption prevention prior to eliminating corruption”, the AAC will continue the network resource of cross-border integration to call for more medical institutions to join in and expand the anti-corruption platform for

the prevention and control of labor and agricultural insurance scalpers in order to safeguard the interests of the insured and the labor fund. In addition to enabling the public to understand relevant information through “implementation of advocacy”, the AAC will explore illegal matters and evidence and will restrain the scalpers by law as well. Furthermore, the AAC will collaboratively promote prevention and control actions through “Prevent public deception and loss”, “Prevent mistaken public contravention” and “Deter unscrupulous fraudulent claims” in order to achieve the government’s goal of taking care of workers and farmers.