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The delegation of the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand approves the "New Concept of Integrity" promoted by the Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice

The Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice greeted the delegation from the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand (NACC) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Gloria Prince Hotel Taipei from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on October 7, 2013 in hopes of exchanging experiences of integrity practice and discussing the feasibility of cooperation.

Aiming at executives of public departments and the private sector related to justice and integrity, the Sanya Dhammasakti National Anti-Corruption Institute under NACC held the "Training Course for Executives on Anti-Corruption Strategy Administration". Led by Mr. Vicha Mahakun, a Committee Member of NACC, 80 trainees of the training course arrived in Taiwan on October 6, 2013 to learn about work experiences of integrity and justice, and seek possibilities

for cooperation. It is obvious that the practice efficiency of the Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice has been approved widely in the world because the delegation arranged to visit the AAC on October 7, 2013 at the beginning of its visit to Taiwan.

The Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice has been established for over two years. At the communication meeting, Chu Kung-Mao, Director-General of the AAC brought out the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary report and explained specific strategies and methods of "New Concept of Integrity – based on the people's interest" that have been promoted since he took the position of director-general, and indicated that the integrity practice shall be prevented rather than being discovered like before. The members of the delegation enthusiastically exchanged relevant opinions on integrity, and submitted issues of "Duties and Obligations of the Integrity Bureau", "Methods and Skills of Investigation", "Methods of Corruption Prevention", "Asset Investigation Procedures", "Propagation **Materials** of Integrity Considering for Comprehension and Acceptance of Children", "Prevention of Bid Rigging in the Construction Industry", "Cooperation on Anti-corruption between Public Departments and the Private Sector", "Necessity for Establishing Criminal Prosecution Regulation of Private Sector Personnel Accomplice Corruption", and "Specific Plan and Method of further corruption prevention Promoted by AAC". In addition to the co-established platform of purchase and audit with the Public Construction Commission of the Executive Yuan, Director-General Chu hopes to aggressively investigate abnormal purchase cases and respond to the above mentioned issues separately which partially meet some specific strategies

and methods of "New Concept of Integrity – based on the people's interest", and made some resolutions at the same time.

The National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand (NACC) was established in accordance with the 2007 Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand and the 2007 Thailand Anti-Corruption Organization Law. The chairman and the eight committee members of the dependent organization are recommended by the Senate and appointed by the King, and possess rights of enquiry, implementation of corruption prevention, and investigation into assets and debts of political figures and executives.

All members of the delegation were satisfied with the warm greeting, complete communication and the exchange activity held by the AAC. After the meeting, Mr. Vicha Mahakun, a Committee Member of the NACC indicated that they were deeply impressed by case prevention in the report of Director-General Chu, and believed that the visit must be the beginning of integrity practice communication between both countries.