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Encourage people to blow the whistle on corruption bravely in order to shape a culture of zero tolerance for corruption – The Agency Against Corruption organized an experts and scholars symposium to actively promote the amendment of the "The Anti-Corruption Informant Rewards and Protection Regulation"

The "The Anti-Corruption Informant Rewards and Protection Regulation" (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulation") was enacted pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article 18, Paragraph 1 of the Anti-Corruption Act, which aims to encourage the reporting of corruption malfeasance by unscrupulous civil servants so as to render officialdom transparent. Since the amendment and promulgation of Article 6-1 of the Anti-Corruption Act dated November 23, 2011 has already covered crimes of shielding and of making use of positional power, opportunity or method as corruption-related crimes, therefore, it is necessary to review the scope of the rewards for reporting corruption and malfeasance cases.

Based on this, the AAC commissioned academic units to conduct a review, under the principle of not deviating from the legislative intention, and the objective of encouraging the public to report civil corrupt behavior, to complete

a first draft amendment of the Regulation. To comply with the expectations of all fields, the AAC not only asked each substantive unit to provide its views and recommendations, but also on June 3, 2013, invited scholars of criminal law, criminal policy and administration management to discuss relevant issues. The preliminary consensus reached is as follows:

- 1. Expanding the scope of rewards: in addition to including reporting of bribery in the scope of awards, where a reported fact which is helpful in uncovering a corruption case or corruption cases where there is deferred prosecution or functional non-prosecution will also be given an appropriate reward.
- 2. Reward schedule and criteria: maintaining the current rules of reward offering after the guilty judgment of the first instance.

The AAC will, based on scholars' deliberations and public opinions, continue to carry out the amendment of the Regulations, hoping to implement the policy of encouraging people to blow whistle on lawless corruption events bravely in order to shape a culture of "Zero Tolerance for Corruption".