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Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice investigated Hsu XX, Section Chief of Fire Bureau, Taoyuan County, who is suspected of bribery

The Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice (hereinafter refer to as the “AAC”) carried out a joint investigation with Taoyuan District Prosecutors Offices into Hsu XX, Section Chief of Fire Bureau, Taoyuan County, who is suspected of taking opportunities of inspection examination to seek bribes and illicit gains. Chiu Wen-Zhong, Prosecutor of Taoyuan District Prosecutors Offices directed 102 agents yesterday (October 3, 2013) to synchronously search 25 places in five counties (cities) including the residence and the office of Hsu XX in Taoyuan county, detain relevant evidence, and take back 17 suspects and 6 witnesses including Hsu XX for subsequent interrogation.

After receiving the intelligence, the Civil Service Ethics Department of Taoyuan County Government reported to the AAC, Ministry of Justice for investigation, and found that Hsu XX, the former Section Chief of Fire Prevention Section of Taoyuan County Fire Bureau, since October 2012 took

advantage of fire safety inspections to accept hundreds of thousands of NT dollars from 17 factory owners of fire fighting equipment and construction enterprises including XX Company, and to receive unfair benefits by purchasing buildings at low prices through Li XX, Lu XX and Yeh XX who are fire fighting equipment businessmen before the construction enterprises in his jurisdiction got use permits. Hsu XX is suspected of violating the Anti-Corruption Act to accept bribes or other improper benefits in breach of his official duties and to acquire valuables or property through the use of undue influence to help construction enterprises to pass or evade inspection examinations and obtain permits; Li XX and other relevant enterprisers are accused of violating the same regulations. Hsu XX was detained on October 4, 2013, and two suspected enterprisers who offered bribes were released on bail of NT\$100,000 separately after a subsequent interrogation held by Taoyuan District Court.

One public servant is suspected of becoming involved in the case, and 19 people from 17 enterprises are suspected of bribery in the initial investigation. The AAC will cooperate with Taoyuan District Prosecutors to conduct further investigations.