

## **The Official Launch of “The Series of Activities of 1209 International Anti-Corruption Day”**

In response to TI’s proposal, UN designated December 9<sup>th</sup> as UN International Anti-Corruption Day, and increased the participation of government and private institutions in anti-corruption. The Agency Against Corruption (AAC), combining with Central Authorities and local governments, has organized “The Series of Activities of 1209 International Anti-Corruption Day” around Taiwan by regions from November 9 to December 9 of 2016, of which the first joint launching ceremony of “Clean and Competent Government, Transparent Taiwan, Conforming to World, and Central Region Pilot” was held at the assembly hall of Taichung City Government on November 9, 2016, attended by more than 700 guests including heads and representatives of government entities from the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taichung City, Miaoli County, Changhua County, Nantou County, Yunlin County, Taichung Veterans General Hospital, Transparency International Chinese Taipei etc.

In his speech, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Justice Chang Dou-hui emphasized that, although not a member of the United Nations, Taiwan has demonstrated her dedication to anti-corruption and willingness to integrate into global anti-corruption trends and the international legal system by enacting and promulgating the “Act to Implement United Nations Convention against Corruption” on May 20, and enforcing such Act on December 9 of the same year so as promote the nationalization of the Convention. This series of activities will be first launched in the Central Region, followed by the Southern and Eastern Regions gradually, and will then reach its peak in the Northern Region to highlight the achievements of various government

departments in integrity promotion and the rooted public trust in the honesty of the public sector, as well as to discuss the contents of each issue collected from conferences in order to provide a reference to AAC for the launching of future policy.

“Anti-corruption is the second life of politician and public servants”, said Mayor of Taichung City Lin, Jia-long. He pointed out that integrity is the primary foundation of democracy and that, in addition to legal norms, the most important aspect of being clean and competent is implementing these norms from the heart. He described that the main purpose of “The Series of Activities of 1209 International Anti-Corruption Day” is to inform civil servants and the public about the importance of integrity and to encourage them to raise the demands and expectations they place on themselves and to carry these out in their daily activities. Mayor Lin pointed out that, after taking office, he immediately asked the heads of the municipal government agencies to sign Integrity Pacts. This year, he first advocated the “Clean and Competent Award” to commend outstanding civil servants of various departments. He stresses that the government should uphold the four values of “integrity, transparency, efficiency and quality”. At the same time, he also said that the more transparent a government is, the more efficient it is and the fewer scandals there are. Moreover, he pointed out that the results should be reflected in the quality of the work and must satisfy the public in order to implement the idea of an “open government”.

Yang Wei-fu, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, said that anti-corruption and transparency are the basis of governance. Therefore, before handling a river dredging project, the government should take the initiative to organize public briefings

inviting all agencies, contractors, people and environmental groups to participate, in order to effectively reduce the people's resistance through openness and transparency. A commissioned survey conducted by National Cheng Kung University in 2016 showed that up to 93 percent of the respondents' firms were confident about the fairness of procurements handled by the Water Resources Agency and its subordinate organs.

Magistrate of Miaoli County Xu Yao-chang, Deputy Mayor of Changhua County Chen Shan-bao, Deputy Magistrate of Nantou County Chen Zheng-sheng and Executive Officer of Yunlin County Chang Zhecheng were all present to share the concepts of anti-corruption and corruption prevention as well as clean government, including administrative transparency measures for the promotion of urban planning, water conservation audits, construction, funeral and others, and they all expect staff members to maintain a clean record.

In addition to the Chang Dou-hui, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice, Yang Wei-fu, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Lin Jia-long, Mayor of Taichung City, Xu Yao-chang, Magistrate of Miaoli County, Chen Shan-bao, Deputy Magistrate of Changhua County, Chen Zheng-sheng, Deputy Magistrate of Nantou County and Chang Zhe-cheng, Yunlin County Executive Officer. This joint launching ceremony also invited Yang Shi-jin, Deputy Minister of AAC (Agency of Anti-Corruption), Chang Hung-mou, Director of Taichung District Prosecutors 'Office, Xiao Xiang-tai, Director of Taichung Investigation Office of Investigation Bureau, Xu Hui-huan, Dean of Taichung Veterans General Hospital, and Yang Yong-nian, the Director of Transparency International Chinese Taipei, to jointly

promote the launch bar and complete the launch ceremony, and attended the “Clean and Competent Award of Taichung City”, “Water Integrity Zone”, “Medical Integrity Zone” along with stalls hosted by Miaoli, Changhua, Nantou, and Yunlin Counties. The stalls demonstrated and promoted the positive results from anti-corruption tasks, and government’s will in disrupting corruption.

Targeting the issues related to civil and public affairs such as river management, land conservation, medical procurement, public works, railway reconstruction, fire prevention and declaration, taxpayers, car inspection proxy, estate agents, real estate brokers and other intermediary business, “The Series of Activities of 1209 International Anti-Corruption Day” carries out theoretical exploration and practical research through forums, exhibitions, seminars, debates, children's drama and other diverse ways so as to cohere and create consensus on a transparent society and a culture of honesty.



**[Group photo of jointly launching ceremony]**

Chang Dou-hui, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice (right 6), Yang Wei-fu, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (right 5), Chang Hung-Mou, Taichung District Court Prosecutor's Office Prosecutor General Wang (right 4), Xu Hui-heng, Dean of Taichung Veterans General Hospital (right 3), Yang Shi-jin, Deputy Director of AAC of the Ministry of Justice (right 2), Xiao xiang-tai, Director of Taichung Investigation Office of Investigation Bureau , (right 1), Lin Jia-long, Mayor of Taichung City (left 6), Xu Yao-chang, Magistrate of Miaoli County (left 5), Chen Shan-bao, Deputy Magistrate of Changhua County (left 4), Chen Zheng-sheng, Deputy Magistrate of Nantou County (left 3), Chang Zhe-cheng Yunlin County Executive Officer (left 2), Yang Yong-nian, Transparency International Chinese Taipei (left 1)



**【Speech of Chang Dou-hui, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice】**



**【Speech of Mayor Lin of Taichung City】**



**[Group photo at clean and competent display area]**

**Chang Dou-hui, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice (right 5), Yang Wei-fu, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (right 4), Chang Hung-Mou, Director of Taichung District Court Prosecutor's Office (right 3), Yang Shi-jin, Deputy Director of AAC of the Ministry of Justice (right 2), Chang Rong-gui, Director of the Office of Civil Service Ethics, Taichung City (right 1), Lin Jia-long, Mayor of Taichung City (left 4), Xu Yao-chang, Magistrate of Miaoli County (left 3), Chen Shan-bao, Deputy Magistrate of Changhua County (left 2), Chen Zheng-sheng, Deputy Magistrate of Nantou County (left 1)**