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**Epidemic prevention without loopholes protect the health and safety of the public**

**All 13 branches of AEA enhance the enforcement level of the fine related to the violation of epidemic prevention regulations**

In order to implement the epidemic prevention policies, ensure that there are no loopholes in the implementation, protect the health and safety of the public, and demonstrate the enforcement power of the government, AEA and its 13 branches started a "special project against the overdue penalty related to the violation of epidemic prevention regulation" from January 26, 2021, and enhanced the enforcement implementation on January 28 simultaneously by 13 branches. The branches sent enforcement officers to 62 different locations and made on-site enforcement against the people who refused to pay the fine related to the violation of epidemic prevention regulations. The measure implemented including seizures of 10 lands, 5 buildings, 4 automobiles, 1 motorcycle and restricted 24 people from leaving the country. These measures fully demonstrated the government's attitude and determination to exercise its public power to enforce in accordance with the laws.

AEA stated that during the period of the special project, in order to process the case that leaving the country to avoid the payment of the fine, if the obligor is a foreigner or Taiwanese business person who has returned to Taiwan and has entered and exited the country multiple times, those who meet the requirement of imposing restrictions on leaving the country with an amount of overdue penalty more than NTD 100,000 will be

restricted to leave the country in accordance with the law. For the citizens' cases, AEA will investigate various data of the obligor's property actively, enforce the obligor's deposits, stocks, salary property, etc., and conduct on-site enforcement at where the obligor lives, including the compulsory sealing of personal and real properties. When necessary, AEA will also impose restrictions on leaving the country or apply to the court for arrest and custody to exercise public power and demonstrate the determination to fully comply with the government's epidemic prevention policies. Each administrative execution branch has also appointed special enforcement officers to lead the on-site inspection and enforcement personally. The executors will urge obligors to pay the overdue penalty as soon as possible and promote the ideas of epidemic prevention policies.

On the date implementing the special project, all branches reach extraordinary results with strong enforcement. Taipei Branch recently enforced against an American obligor who was originally an English teacher in a cram school and was fined NTD 200,000 for violating the home quarantine regulations. The executive officer went to his home on January 28 to persuade him to pay the penalty actively and explain the pros and cons for him. Eventually, he agreed to pay the penalty in installments; Shilin Branch enforced against the obligor Zhou, who violated the home quarantine regulation after entering the country and went to a shabu-shabu store for a meal and was fined NTD 100,000. When the executor went to seizure his house on January 27, he immediately paid the arrears; the Hsinchu branch enforced a case against a 23-year-old woman who returned to Taiwan from the United States in October last year was fined NTD 100,000 for violating home quarantine regulations. The enforcement officer met her father during the on-site inspection for the incident. Her family decided to pay for her; Kaohsiung Branch enforced against an obligor Lin, who violated home quarantine regulations and went to the restaurant to eat with his friends at 5 am. He was fined NTD 150,000 but had not paid. The executor took his car under custody directly and dragged it back to the office; Hualien Branch imposed a fine of NTD 100,000 on a citizen Chiang who returned to Taiwan from Macau last September for violating home quarantine regulations. He has been imposed

restrictions on leaving the country and leaving the island and the enforcement officer will apply to the court for arrest.

AEA urges the public to comply with the epidemic prevention policy, safeguard the public's health, and make Taiwan a successful model on epidemic prevention in the world. The public who have been punished for violating home isolation and home quarantine should not take any chance. They should pay the penalties to avoid being enforced, which will incur additional expense of execution and brings inconvenience to themselves. Premier of Executive Yuan, Su instructed that the focus of the epidemic prevention policy is not on the amount in fines or enforcement, but on the solid enforcement against people who violate home isolation and home quarantine policies without paying penalties and ensure that there is no loophole in the epidemic prevention system of the government.



Taipei Branch conducting enforcement  
against an American obligor



Kaohsiung Branch compulsory sealing an automobile



Shilin Branch compulsory sealing a real property