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Enforce with love to guard Taiwan

Six major enforce projects to exercise the function of legal compliance

In the afternoon of September 21, during the tea party with legal journalists held by the Ministry of Justice, AEA announced that since its establishment in January 2001, the total amount made from enforcement has exceeded NTD 620,000,000,000, and has reached NTD 622,838,892,948. AEA stated that administrative enforcement is the last mile to realize justice and will not only focus on the numerical achievements, but also must be fair in law enforcement, in order to achieve the goal of educating the public to "abide by the law" and the importance of "preventing violations against the law" to perform the actual function of "legal compliance," and at the same time to care and help the disadvantaged obligors and integrate with the social safety net, in an effort to realize the philosophy of governance of "justice and care" by the Ministry of Justice.

In recent years, AEA has been upholding the enforcement idea of "enforcing with an iron fist to demonstrate justice, putting the public first, and cooperating to create a new era, and implementing the spirit of "enforcing with love to overcome obstacles." The six main enforcement projects, such as "Epidemic Prevention," "Say No to Driving under Influence," "Fight against Violations," "Show Innovation," "Protect the Disadvantaged," "Help Prosecution and Investigation," open the law enforcement shield to realize justice, protect the life, property and health of the citizens and silently guard the beauty of Taiwan. According to AEA statistics, for the period from January 30, 2010 to September 12, 2022, the actual number of enforceable cases

related to the epidemic prevention project was 956, of which 636 were paid, with an effective enforcement amount exceeding NTD \$61,960,000; for the period from November 15, 2021 to September 13, 2022, the number of enforceable cases related to the Anti-Driving under influence was 11,147, with an effective enforcement amount of NTD 244,920,126. From January 1, 2001 to August 31, 2022, the total amount settled for cases related the obligors owing huge amounts of payment was NTD 271,848,750,463; from January 2010 to August 2022, the total amount of collection from the cases related to the enhanced detention project was NTD 331,861,912. The collection of the said amount is made with the measures of detentions, taking into custody and arrests; from April 2002 to June 2022, a total of 7,494 cases related to the caring project for disadvantaged obligors were handled; from 2008 to September 16, 2022, the number of cases related to the project entrusted by the prosecutors' offices handled by the branches was 269, with a total amount collected over NTD 536,420,000.AEA will continue to actively process these projects to fulfill the function of legal compliance and to demonstrate justice and achieve the goal of caring for the disadvantaged.

♦. Six main enforcement projects

1. Epidemic "Prevention" - Prevention first and enforcement last. Implementing continuous and strong enforcement against the violations of the epidemic prevention regulations cases.

AEA requires all branches to take the initiative to contact the competent health authorities and immediately enforce the cases to deter the public from violating the epidemic prevention regulations and fulfill the purposes of epidemic prevention. AEA stated that the task of enforcing epidemic prevention penalties should be

carried out without delay and that active enforcement of those who violate epidemic prevention regulations is necessary to protect the lives and health of the citizens. This work relied on the cooperation of AEA and the front-line health care workers and health authorities.

According to AEA statistics, from January 30, 2020 to September 12, 2022, the branches received 956 cases of violation of home quarantine and home isolation, of which 636 cases had been paid (including full settlement, partial settlement, property seizure and payment made in installments) and the effective enforcement amount exceeded NTD 61,960,000.

2. "Say NO" to driving under influence - zero tolerance for driving under the influence! Law enforcement has no holidays and no deadlines!

In January of this year, Premier Su of Executive Yuan and Minister Cai of the Ministry of Justice announced the adoption of a policy to heavily punish offenders of driving under influence and AEA immediately instructed all 13 branches to implement a special project against driving under influence and uphold the spirit of "Zero tolerance for driving under influence! And the Law enforcement has no holidays and no deadlines!" To process the project in a "strict and speedy" manner to put an end to "driving under influence," that those who disregard the traffic safety will have to pay the monetary price and thus realize the importance of strictly abiding by traffic regulations to ensure the traffic safety of the public.

According to AEA statistics, from November 15, 2021 to September 13, 2022, all branches have seized 1,419 lands, 314 buildings, 106 automobiles, 38 motorcycles and mobilized a total of 5,034 people for on-site enforcement, with an effective enforcement cases of 10,147 and the total amount collected of NTD 244,920,126. In addition, from January 1, 2022, to September 16, 2022, the total

amount collected from the cases related to the violations of traffic regulations is NTD 1,346,322,529.

3. "Fight against Violations" – With the spirit of the old story of Wu Song fought the fierce tiger, AEA inherits the spirit to fight against malicious obligors.

The malicious obligors and the obligors who owe a huge amount of payment are the priority of AEA and the branches. AEA must make good use of the enforcement measures authorized by law, such as restriction of exit the country, prohibition of spending, or compulsory measures such as the application for detention to the court, taking into custody and announcing the rewards and methods of reporting, or cooperate with the tax authorities to collect the debt owned by the Government in accordance with Article 24, Paragraph 5 of the newly amended Tax Collection Act. With the improvements of the enforcement techniques and the findings of the detailed investigations, the malicious obligors and the obligors who owe a huge amount of payment will have no place or method to hide their wealth and the fairness and justice will be found.

According to AEA statistics, from January 1, 2001 to August 31, 2022, the total amount collected from the obligors who owed a huge amount of payment by the branches was NTD 271,848,750,463, of which NTD 16,263,866,603 was collected from January 2020 to August 2022. In addition, for the period from 2020 to August 2022, the total amount of NTD 331,861,912 was collected from the special project of detention and taking into custody. For detention, taking into custody and arrest, the total applications filed by the branches are 790, and 754 of them are approved by the courts with a 95.44% approval rate. The number of the applications of detention is 120, and the number of applications of detention allowed by the court is 87.

4. "Show" innovation - enforce with technologies, simplify operating procedures and improve service quality

AEA and all branches are implementing the technological policies of the Ministry of Justice with the goal of simplifying operating processes and improving service quality and are continuing to promote the implementation of technology enforcement with a creative and dynamic mindset. For example, AEA has made good use of information technology to simplify the operational process, implemented paperless measures such as electronic execution orders and execution certificates and introduced the vehicle identification system, using AI based law enforcement equipment to instantly identify vehicle license plates and compare them to enhance enforcement efficiency; and in order to facilitate payment and improve the quality of service, AEA has been promoting multiple payment measures, for example, obligors can pay at the four major convenience store chains, post offices, banks, and other institutions, or use credit cards, mobile payments and virtual accounts to make payments without leaving home. The "Real Properties Communication Bidding" and "Clairvoyant Service" programs have been launched, which means that the public can visit the auction websites of the branches without having to go out of their homes and view the vacant land or the interior of the unoccupied vacant buildings that are subjected to the auction at any time and from any distance, without any limitation of time and space. The "360-degree view" photos (videos) of the layout of the said bidding subjects can also be easily bid, without fear of gangster intimidating and without being affected by epidemics, climate, time, or geography, etc. The abovementioned services for the public improve the administrative quality of the agencies, and fully shaping the professional, innovative, efficient and convenient image of the executive agencies

According to the Department's statistics, from June 2008 to August 2022, the

number of payments made by obligors to the four major convenience store chains and financial institutions (including post offices) was 968,444 and the total amount paid was NTD 57,981,345,711; from 2016 to the end of June 2022 (count quarterly), credit card payment services were processed at various branches, and the cumulative number of card payments was 57,279, with a total amount of NTD 1,517,125,668; from February 2020 to August 2022, the communication bidding of the real properties hold by the branches have collected a total amount more than NTD 2,313,380,000 and the bid-winning rate of the communication bidding is 58.74%; for the period from January 2021 to August 2022, the branches implemented the clairvoyant 360-degree photo (video) services on auctions and collected a total amount of around NTD 1,145,420,000 from the highest bids.

5. "Protect" the disadvantaged – care for the disadvantaged and enforce with love

With the empathy of "Caring for the Disadvantaged, Executing with Love," AEA and its branches take the initiative to care for the disadvantaged obligors who are in a difficult situation and provide assistance to them. The "123 Joint Auction" will help them to increase their income and speed up the repayment by helping them to sell products or provide promotions on their business or provide them with various social welfare information according to their specific needs and timely assistance in their living. The said approaches not only can look up for the living of the obligors, but also can reduce the social problems that may rise from it, and make the public feel the warmness of execution agency and truly implementing the core value of "caring".

In accordance with the statistics on record, from April 2012 to June 2022, the branches of AEA has processed a total of 7,494 cases, including 1,491 cases related to "referrals to the Office of Employment Services for the guidance of employment," 3,357 cases related to "notifying relevant offices of the city or county governments

to provide necessary assistance," 862 cases related to "referrals to social welfare agencies for consultations" and 1,784 cases related to "charity donations and care visits." In addition, from July 2022 to September 7, 2022, the branches handled a total of 48 cases of caring for the Moon Festival and voluntarily organized or participated in 13 charity activities.

6. "Help" prosecution and investigation - assist the prosecutor's office to clean up the stolen goods and evidence, to recover the proceeds of crime and to jointly implement the new confiscation mechanism

As a member of the Ministry of Justice family, AEA assists the prosecutors' offices with the new mechanism of confiscation under the Code of Criminal Procedure, assists the prosecutors' office with the distribution, sale and collection of confiscated property and enforcement of the fines and overdue payments of Class III and IV drugs. The cooperation with the prosecution system gives AEA and prosecutor's office a way to fully exercise their functions to jointly realize justice and fairness. All branches actively process cases entrusted by prosecutors' offices, such as the auction of supercars obtained by fraudulent organization hold by Taichung Branch, the auction of palladium gold which was used as an ingredient of drug production hold by Chiayi Branch, the auction of mining machines hold by Shilin Branch, the auction of the property of the arms dealer Wang hold by Taipei Branch, the auction of the gold and artworks raised from the Hung-Fuhai rake-in case held by the Hsinchu Branch, the auction of gold held by Hualien Branch, the auction of environmental protection vehicles obtained by the corruption case held by the Kaohsiung Branch. In addition, for Hualien Branch's gold auction, Kaohsiung Branch's environmental protection vehicle auction and Pingtung Branch's smuggling ship auction, the Branches not only brought their expertise and experience to enforcement, but also found new measures outside of the traditional model, uses

marketing strategies, such as appreciation sessions, videos adapted from TV Shows and collaboration video with KOLs to help in the collection of the proceeds of crime and fulfill the goals of justice.

According to AEA statistics, from 2018 to September 16, 2022, the branches were entrusted with 269 cases by the prosecutors' offices, with a total amount collected of more than NTD 536,420,000.

Lastly, AEA stated that, to face the rapid changes of the society and technologies, the challenges and difficulties of enforcement have come, but all staff of the AEA and its branches will use their wisdom to overcome all difficulties and always uphold the philosophy of enforcement of "justice and care" and exercise the core values of "enforcing with love to protect Taiwan." The AEA will continue to put efforts on promoting more enforcement projects with the spirit of "legal compliance" by using new technology and a new mindset and provide more help to the disadvantaged obligors and work together to protect the lives, properties, health of the citizens and the beauty of Taiwan. AEA also urges the public to "comply with the laws," "protect justice" and "provide substantial care."

AEA produced and launched an IG video "Law Compliance First, Find Justice for the People" on August 2, 2022. If you are interested in watching the video, please visit the Video Section on the website of AEA (URL: https://www.tpk.moj.gov.tw/) or YouTube Video (URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy3ysdH5MWk)