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The Fourth Wave of Operation for Enforcement of Cases of Driving under the Influence Marking the Grand Enforcement as the Spring Festival is around the Corner

In order to implement the "zero tolerance for driving under the influence" policy and make a safe way home for the general public, the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice has launched the "Operation of Enforcing the Payment of Overdue Fines Generated from Driving under the Influence" since 2021, and there have already been three waves of enforcement of such projects recently. As the Spring Festival is around the corner, many people will attend dinner parties more frequently, and the risk of driving under the influence may increase. In order to curb the recurrence of driving under the influence, the AEA has issued official letters to all 13 branches across Taiwan to announce that starting from January 15, 2024 for a period of half a month until January 31st, law enforcement will be enhanced for fines generated from driving under the influence, and demonstrate the government's firm determination to enforce the law.

The AEA and its branches have always attached great importance to the enforcement of cases of fines generated from driving under the influence. On November 15, 2021, it launched the "Operation of Enforcing the Payment of Overdue Fines Generated from Driving under the Influence" to enhance the enforcement of such payment. There have already been three waves of enforcement of such projects recently. As of December 31, 2023, the amount enforced (including installment payment and estimated reimbursable amount of seized property after auction) has reached a new record high of

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NT\$575,833,707, and 2,460 parcels of land, 518 buildings, and 184 automobiles and motorcycles seized. A total of 5,439 on-site enforcements were carried out, and 9,514 staff were mobilized. As the 2024 Lunar New Year is around the corner, many people will attend year-end and dinner parties more frequently, and the risk of driving under the influence may increase. In order to curb the recurrence of driving under the influence, the AEA has issued official letters to all 13 branches across Taiwan to announce that starting from January 15, 2024 for a period of half a month until January 31st, law enforcement will be enhanced for fines generated from driving under the influence, and those obligors who owe overdue fines generated from driving under the influence or repeat offenders who refuse to take the sobriety test will be punished for their severe disregard for law and discipline and will be prioritized for enhanced enforcement. For cases of fines generated from driving under the influence that have recently been transferred for enforcement, the AEA and relevant units will swiftly investigate and actively seize the obligors' deposits, salaries, vehicles, real estate and other properties. If the obligors continue to refuse to cooperate, measures such as collection, auction and other transaction procedures will be adopted in accordance with the law. In addition, for the cases of overdue fines generated from driving under the influence, the AEA will once again comprehensively investigate the latest property information of the obligors, and enhance the notification to the obligors to report the status of property personally. If there is any refusal to appear or refuse to make such report, the AEA will order the obligors to provide collateral according to law depending on the actual circumstances within a time limit, and may restrict their right to travel domestically or abroad to achieve the effect of deterrence from driving under the influence, as well as demonstrating the government's commitment and determination in law enforcement. The branches under the AEA will also continue to adopt technological law enforcement measures to track vehicle whereabouts, such as cross-agency cooperation in the use of parking management information systems or automatic vehicle number plate detection systems, and the introduction of vehicle-mounted license plate recognition systems, supplemented by smart technology to improve efficiency for enforcement staff to seize vehicles of obligors and mitigate the sources of violations.

The AEA gave the following warning, "Do not drink while driving and do not drive after drinking." Driving under the influence is an act which the public strongly opposed and the government strongly regulated and enforced. The administrative execution agency will enforce traffic violation cases, especially those related to driving under the influence actively, so that the obligors who owed fines can no longer take the chance to avoid paying the overdue fines. The government will continue to enforce the law against driving under the influence and other traffic violations and will enhance the enforcement level to maintain traffic justice and public safety and make the offenders of driving under influence feel "pain," while the public feel "safe."





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