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A Total of More than NT\$200M from the AEA Nationwide Joint Auction of "5A7S"! Demonstrating the Cross-agency Cooperation to Combat Crime and Protect the Rights and Interests of Victims

The Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice (AEA) for the purpose of implementing the Executive Yuan's "Five Against and Seven Safety" (Five Against stands for actions against crime syndicates, financial crimes, illegal weaponry, illegal drugs, and scams; and Seven Safety stands for safety of public security, food safety, traffic safety, industrial safety, campus safety, residential safety, and information security)", as well as assisting the procuratorates in handling the auctions of seized and confiscated items, took advantage of the Double 11 shopping season with high popularity among Taiwanese consumers and organized and held the first Joint Auction of "5A7S" on Monday, November 11, 2024 with the 13 branches across Taiwan, reaching a total auction amount of more than NT\$207.56 million. Deputy Minister Hsi-hsiang Hsu of the Ministry of Justice attended AEA's "Five Against and Seven Safety- Protecting a Just and Sustainable Taiwan" joint announcement event held at the Taoyuan Branch on the same date of the auction. During the speech, he said that he was very happy to see that the prosecutorates and administrative enforcement agencies, which both affiliated to the Ministry of Justice system, could jointly implement the "5A7S" policy formulated by the Executive Yuan and the Ministry of Justice, and expected that both sides can continue to demonstrate the synergy of cross-agency cooperation to combat crime and safeguard the rights and interests of the general public. Once the auction of each of the items can be

successfully achieved, it will effectively increase the possibility of victims of criminal cases being compensated, demonstrating the Ministry of Justice's policy objectives of combating major crimes and the focus on flexible justice.

The auction handled by the Taoyuan Branch during the Joint Auction of "5A7S" was the scam case of "Taiwanese Swindler Case" investigated by the Taipei District Prosecutors' Office, in which illegal syndicate colluded with lawyers, village chiefs, police officers, household registration personnel and land administration agents to abuse the fact of no heirs to the real estate of people living alone, and fabricated fake wills to apply for inheritance of their real properties, plundering hundreds of millions of money, which resonated the plot of the Japanese TV drama "Tokyo Swindlers". One Audemars Piguet watch and three Rolex watches owned by the defendant surnamed Wang were seized in this case and auctioned by the Taoyuan Branch. All were successfully auctioned on the auction day. Among them, the Audemars Piguet watch with the highest auction price reached NT\$1.41 million, and the other three Rolex watches were auctioned for NT\$680,000, 550,000, and 415,000 respectively. On that date, the Taoyuan Branch also auctioned a **Porsche** sports car (manufactured in 2015) seized by the Taoyuan District Prosecutors' Office from the scam case for NT\$2.1 million, and two items of gold jewelry seized from the case of violation of the Money Laundering Control Act for NT\$1.46 million and NT\$1.402,000, respectively, a CMC vehicle (manufactured in 2022) seized due to tax arrears for NT\$558,000, and 729 USDT seized by the Taoyuan District Prosecutors' Office from the scam case for NT\$23,000.

The real properties with the highest auction price came from the land in the Linnei Section of Niaosong District seized by the Kaohsiung District Prosecutors' Office from the scam syndicate "XXX Mutual Aid Association", in which seven parcels of land were auctioned for an amount of NT\$108.82 million. The auctioned item was originally registered as owned by an investment and development company. The company's shareholders first recruited members by establishing the "XXX Mutual Aid Association" and illegally collect money. They then used the illicit proceeds to further

collect money illegally to establish a company and use illicit proceeds to purchase real properties registered under the company's name or deposited it into the bank account under the company's name. There were more than 2,000 victims in the case, and the proceeds from the auction would greatly increase the possibility of compensation for the victims! On that date, the Kaohsiung Branch auctioned the **general cargo vessel** "Ying Long" seized by the Kaohsiung District Prosecutors' Office from **transnational drug trafficking** case for NT\$6,675,000, and a **Porsche** (manufactured in 2023) and a **BMW** (manufactured in 2022) seized by the Kaohsiung District Prosecutors' Office from the **scam** case for NT\$3,005,000 of each, as well as the other 6 motorcycles.

Other Branches also auctioned several eye-catching items under the enthusiastic bidding of the visitors participating in the bidding. For example, the **Taipei** Branch auctioned a Porsche (manufactured in 2018) and a Mercedes-Benz (manufactured in 2014) seized by the Taipei District Prosecutors' Office from the scam case for NT\$1.7 million and NT\$510,000, respectively. The New Taipei Branch auctioned a BMW car (manufactured in 2021) seized by the Taipei District Prosecutors' Office from the scam case for NT\$1.72 million. The **Taichung** Branch auctioned 57,186,515 **USDT** seized by the Taichung District Prosecutors' Office from the scam case for NT\$1.675 million. In addition, the Shilin Branch under the entrustment of the Lianjiang District Prosecutors' Office auctioned three ships seized by the court for illegal cross-border fishing or smuggling. The Changhua Branch Office under the entrustment of the Changhua District Prosecutors' Office auctioned a digger seized for violating the Waste Disposal Act, the Chiayi Branch under the entrustment of the Chiayi District Prosecutors' Office auctioned a seized BMW (manufactured in 2018) from the case of kidnapping and ransom. The Tainan Branch under the entrustment of the Tainan District Prosecutors' Office auctioned 2 seized semi-trailers due to violations of the Waste Disposal Act. The Hualien Branch under the entrustment of the Hualien District Prosecutors' Office auctioned Ford car seized by the court due to illegal harvesting of wild stout camphor fungus, all of which were successfully auctioned on that date.

AEA urged the general public not to take chances and engage in illegal and criminal activities. AEA will continue to actively assist the procuratorates in handling the auction of seized items to improve the efficiency of seizure and protect the rights and interests of the general public, as well as enhancing the enforcement of relevant administrative enforcement cases in terms of the "5A7S" policy, assist the procuratorates in busting major crimes such as crimes of syndicates, finance, weaponry, drugs, and scam, etc., and cooperate with the procuratorates to protect public security, food safety, traffic safety, industrial safety, campus safety, residential safety, and information security.



Deputy Minister Hsi-hsiang Hsu of the Ministry of Justice (middle), Chief Prosecutor Tou-hui Chang of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office (left), and Director-General Chojan Miao of the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice (right) jointly held the auction gavels to announce the commencement of the event of "5A7S" joint auction across the 13 AEA Branches nationwide (simultaneously broadcasted live on the screen on the left side of the picture), which demonstrated the commitment of the procuratorated and administrative enforcement agencies to work together to implement the "5A7S" policy.



During the speech, Deputy Minister Hsi-hsiang Hsu of the Ministry of Justice said that he was very happy to see that the prosecutorates and administrative enforcement agencies, which both affiliated to the Ministry of Justice system, could jointly implement the "5A7S" policy formulated by the Executive Yuan and the Ministry of Justice by handling the auction to combat crime and protect the rights and interests of the general public.



Deputy Minister Hsi-hsiang Hsu of the Ministry of Justice, Chief Prosecutor Tou-hui Chang of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office, Director-General Cho-jan Miao of the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice, Chief Prosecutor Hsiu-

tuan Yu of the Taoyuan District Prosecutors' Office, and Director Chun-cheng Ting of the Taoyuan Branch of AEA used the auction gravels to break the cubes symbolizing symbol the crimes from "weaponry", "drug", "scam", "syndicate" and "finance" to demonstrate the joint efforts of prosecutorates and administrative enforcement agencies affiliated to the Ministry of Justice to combat crimes (from left to right: Chief Prosecutor Hsiu-tuan Yu of the Taoyuan District Prosecutors' Office, Chief Prosecutor Tou-hui Chang of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office, Deputy Minister Hsi-hsiang Hsu of the Ministry of Justice, Director-General Cho-jan Miao of the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the



The prosecutorates and administrative enforcement agencies affiliated to the Ministry of Justice jointly protected the "Seven Safety" (from left to right: Prosecutor Shao-chueh Cheng of the Taipei District Prosecutors' Office, Chief Prosecutor Hsiu-tuan Yu of the Taoyuan District Prosecutors' Office, Chief Prosecutor Tou-hui Chang of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office, Deputy Minister Hsi-hsiang Hsu of the Ministry of Justice, Director-General Cho-jan Miao of the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice, Director Chun-cheng Ting of the Taoyuan Branch of AEA, and Chief Administrative Enforcement Officer Hsueh-kuan Wu)



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The auction held by the Taipei Branch Office was bustling with crowds of people, and a Porsche (manufactured in 2018) and a Mercedes-Benz (manufactured in 2014) seized by the Taipei District Prosecutors' Office from the scam case were auctioned for NT\$1.7 million and NT\$510,000, respectively.