

【 Graduation ceremony for the 15th training class of enforcement officers 】

AEA held the "graduation ceremony for the 15th training class of enforcement officers" on the afternoon of March 22, 2021. Due to COVID-19, the directors of the Taipei Branch, New Taipei Branch and Shilin Branch were invited to attend the simple and grand ceremony.

In the speech given by Director-General Lin, Ching-Tsung, in addition to blessing the 6 trainees who had completed the training, he also encouraged them with the importance of differentiating "occupation, career, and vocation." He said that after becoming enforcement officers, the trainees should "keep their original aspirations", remember the enthusiasm of seeking fairness and justice they held when taking the exam of enforcement officers, enforce in accordance with the laws and the principle of proportionality and handle every case efficiently. Beside vertical delegation of responsibilities and leading by example, enforcement officers shall handle the cases of the obligors who owe large amounts of unpaid taxes, fees or fines themselves with diligence, and care the obligors with financial difficulties actively and enforce leniently against them. When encountering any problem, enforcement officers shall ask for solutions and advices from the director of the branch, chief enforcement officer, and other outstanding senior officers. The enforcement officers shall never only treat their administrative execution occupation as a normal job, fool around and enjoy the decent salary. This is the way to be respected by other colleagues.

The Director-General Lin also pointed that AEA is not a "legitimate debt collection agency", in addition to the statutory duty to collect monetary payment under public law for the country, the real value of administrative execution lies in "achieving the last mile to justice." That is

to say, enforcing actively is the method to achieve fairness and justice, and force a small number of obligors who violate the law or owe tax, fee or fine payments maliciously to fulfill their monetary obligations under public law, and therefore protect the rights of the majority of citizens who abide by the laws. For instance, in the case of the fine against the obligor violating the epidemic prevention regulations and African swine fever regulations, AEA has arranged all the staff of all branches to implement special enforcement projects multiple times simultaneously in accordance with the instructions of Premier Su and Minister of Justice Tsai and the epidemic prevention policies of the government since February 2020. AEA used various methods, such as seizing deposits, properties, auctioning personal or real properties, imposing restrictions on exiting the country, applying to the court for arrest and taking into custody to implement epidemic prevention policies of the government to avoid creating any breach in the epidemic prevention. To this day, the results of enforcement have been good, and AEA, health and agricultural authorities have jointly protected the health and food safety of the citizens.

After the issuance of graduation certificates by Director-General Lin and the speech given by the trainees, the ceremony ended successfully with a group photo of all the participants.



