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"Absolute zero tolerance for driving under the influence!" From January 5, 2022 until now, AEA has been actively enforcing the special project against the cases related to the fines for driving under the influence to ensure the road traffic safety of the public and make everyone get home safely.

In order to carry out traffic justice and protect the road traffic safety of the public, AEA promotes the enforcement of the first special project against cases violating traffic regulations recently. From November 15, 2021 to December 31, 2021, the total amount of fines for violating Road Traffic Management and Penalty Act and the overdue ETC payments collected by 13 branches of AEA was NTD 178,687,016. The total amount of fines collected by the 13 branches of AEA was NTD 13,633,429 and there were also 135 pieces of land and 23 buildings of the obligor seized. The total number of officers mobilized for the special task was 277 and 162 on-site executions were enforced. From January 5, 2022, the second special project will be carried out and the enhanced level of enforcement will be the effective warning for driving under the influence.

AEA states that the frequent accidents related to driving under the influence have resulted in many deaths and injuries and caused tragedies for many people and the cases related to violations of traffic regulations will affect the safety of the public and thus become the main execution project of AEA. The fact that the Lunar New Year is approaching and the public are frequently participating in year-end parties and other gathering events, the cases of driving under the influence are likely to increase. In order to cooperate, the government's policy of zero tolerance for driving under the influence and to demonstrate the determination to enforce the law against the cases of the fines against driving under the

influence. Minister Tsai, Ching-Hsiang shows great importance to the said matter and instructs the agencies under the Ministry of Justice to enhance the enforcement of laws to prevent the unhealthy tendency of driving under influence, and the Director-general Lin, Ching-Tsung, has held several meetings to discuss the relevant matters and has made up a plan for special projects to enforce the cases against driving under the influence. All 13 branches have been informed that all branches shall actively enforce the cases related to fines against driving under the influence to protect the road traffic safety of the public.

AEA also states that in response to the expectation of society for active enforcement against driving under the influence, the first special project of enforcement has been carried out against related cases. For example:

- I. An obligor surnamed Liu, who lives in Changhua County, has been caught driving under the influence 3 times and refused to pay the NTD 150,000 fines. This case has been enforced by Changhua Branch and after the house of the obligor has been seized, he paid off all overdue fines immediately.
- II. An obligor surnamed Lin, who lives in Taipei, was fined NTD 180,000 for refusing to take an alcohol breath test while passing an inspection spot established by police officers. The overdue payment of the case is enforced by the Taipei Branch and he paid off all the fines on December 28, 2021 after one of his lands was seized.
- III. An obligor surnamed Chen, who lives in Taipei, was stopped and checked by the police for riding a motorcycle under the influence of alcohol. He refused to take an alcohol breath test because he knew that his breath contained more alcohol per liter than the levels allowed by the law, and thus was fined NTD 180,000 and transferred to Shilin Branch to enforce. The executor seized his house and notified him to handle the affairs on-site on December 29, 2021. In order to avoid having the house and land auctioned by the agency, he paid off the fine at Shilin Branch on the next day.
- IV. An obligor surnamed Chen, who lives in Taichung City, was fined NTD 120,000 and transferred to Taichung Branch to enforce. Taichung first seized his bank deposit around NTD 50,000 on December 22, and after the inspection, the Branch found that

the obligor had a 15-year old house and informed the obligor that the house will be seized if he did not pay off the overdue amount of fine recently. After receiving the notice, the obligor paid off all the overdue fines on December 24.

"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. AEA emphasizes that 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 chances to avoid paying the overdue fines. The government will continue to enforce the laws 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" and the public feel safe.