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**AEA Towards the International Stages and Became a “Role Model for the World”
with Praises from Foreign Scholars**

At the tea-time talk between MOJ and judicial reporters held in the afternoon of December 20, Director-General Huang, Yu-Yuan of Administrative Enforcement Agency of MOJ mentioned that AEA was the first country worldwide as a dedicated agency in the Ministry of Justice for management of monetary payment obligations under public laws. In recent years, AEA has combined board games and various innovative technologies to promote legal education, expand a diverse payment mechanism (such as “virtual account” payment mechanism), and improve the transparency of auctions (including using “drones” and “VR (virtual reality)” to improve the efficiency of serving the general public and narrowing the gap between administrative enforcement agencies and the people. Director-General Huang also discovered that after each of the branches began to handle cases entrusted by the prosecutor’s offices, incidents of cross-border drug trafficking, illegal mining of sea sand and cross-border electro-fishing occurred one after another, resulting in an increase in the number of auctions of vessels year by year. The number of ships (5) auctioned in 2023 was close to 1/2 of the total number of ships auctioned in the past years (11) and the proportion of foreign-flagged ships also increased, as well as cases involving foreign elements.

In order to strengthen cross-border, cross-field, and interdisciplinary communication,

the Ministry of Justice, the Ocean Affairs Council, and National University of Kaohsiung jointly held and organized the “International Conference on Administrative Enforcement Mechanism— Evolution and Prospects” on November 15, 2023, in which renowned scholars and professional practitioners from Japan, The Philippines and Taiwan were invited to jointly discuss issues such as administrative enforcement of legal systems, enforcement against sand pump dredgers and applications of documents delivery technology, which effectively enhanced Taiwan’s international reputation. The Kaohsiung Branch and the Pingtung Branch of the AEA were the major co-organizers of the seminar and hence Director Yang, Pi-Ying of the Kaohsiung Branch shared with judicial reporters that the seminar revealed four significant features:

- (1) Enhanced cross-agency cooperation and exchanges (between Ministry of Justice (prosecutor’s offices and Administrative Enforcement Agency), Ocean Affairs Council and courts at all levels), overcame the barriers among various agencies, effectively integrated resources and demonstrated the administrative efficiency of an integrated government.
- (2) Conducted international exchanges with international scholars and practitioners to demonstrate the strength of soft-power diplomacy and enhance Taiwan’s positive image internationally. Promoted mutual learning and continuous dialogue between academia and practice fields to eliminate differences.
- (3) Implemented the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations) and the new seizure system through administrative enforcement to safeguard national security and marine ecology.
- (4) Utilized innovative technology and creative thinking to create more resilient administrative enforcement.

Director-General Huang further mentioned that Professor Katsuhiko Itagaki of Yokohama National University in Japan, who visited Taiwan to participate in the seminar, shared many posts on social media to show the friendship between Taiwan and Japan, and

praised Taiwan's legal system for administrative enforcement with a certificate of appreciation, emphasizing that it would be a system worth the reference and learning by Japan and that he personally missed the warmth of Taiwan and hoped that Taiwan and Japan would continue to deepen and extend the scope of exchanges in the future and cooperate to enhance the academic and practical development between the two countries. Lastly, Director-General Huang also mentioned that AEA, which is cutting edge of trends worldwide, will continue to implement and carry forward the core values of "justice and care," such as continuing to promote electronic official documents and paperless transfers, achieving environmental sustainability goals, and strengthening cooperation with professional social welfare groups, combining existing social security systems in both public and private sectors, and working jointly to create a loophole-free social safety net, as well as deepening the "legal compliance" function to carry out policy promotion in diversified manner, and implement SDGs through administrative enforcement.

Minister Tsai of the Ministry of Justice mentioned that the AEA, as a government agency full of creativity and vitality, actively and continuously improved cross-field and interdisciplinary integration and from its humble beginning became a government agency that crossed beyond Taiwan and towards the world, making it a government agency worthy of learning from the world, and demonstrating the strength of soft-power diplomacy by organizing international academic seminars. He thanked all colleagues of AEA and its branches for their efforts and dedication.

In addition, AEA stated that in order to allow more people to understand the features of the International Conference on Administrative Enforcement Mechanism held on November 15, 2023, its monthly publication "AEA World" fully includes the highlights of the seminar, which will be published in hardcopy and electronic version as a special issue on December 20. The electronic version will be published on the homepage of the official site of AEA (<http://www.tpk.moj.gov.tw>), and readers can also scan the QR Code link to browse it.



Minister Tsai giving the speech



Report by Director-General Huang



Report by Director Yang of the Kaohsiung Branch

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