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## Minister Tsai Ching-Hsiang Presented the "Top of Enforcement" Honorary Medal at the 2023 Annal Symposium of the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice and Its Branches

The Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice (AEA) held the "2023 Annal Symposium of the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice and Its Branches" in the briefing room on the 2nd floor of the Ministry of Justice in the afternoon of January 22, 2024. During the Symposium, in addition to reviewing the business promotion status of the AEA and its 13 branches throughout 2023, each of these branches also submitted specific reports on how to innovate and make progress in the future.

The Symposium not only invited Director Liu Ying-Hsiu of the Department of Legal Affairs, MOJ to provide instruction and guidance, it also had the honor of witnessing Minister Tsai Ching-Hsiang present the "Top of Enforcement" Honorary Medal for Outstanding Enforcement Group, the highest honor for the enforcement of public power for outstanding administrative performance, to the New Taipei Branch, Tainan Branch, Taichung Branch and Changhua Branch, who all had excellent performance results.

At the beginning of the meeting, Director Liu Ying-Hsiu recognized the AEA and its 13 branches for their efforts that resulted in a contribution of more than NT\$640 billion in fiscal revenue to the central and local governments since their establishment 23 years ago. Meanwhile, Director Liu was also impressed by the AEA's immediate and effective response to the protest case of major tax defaulters which attracted public attention.

During his speech, Director-General Huang Yu-Yuan first thanked colleagues from all branches for their hard work in the past year. In terms of personnel training, all branches are also encouraged to arrange more on-the-job training for enforcement staff to enhance professional knowledge, strengthen enforcement literacy and communication and coordination skills, thereby minimizing the problems often found in public complaints. Furthermore, as for interdisciplinary integration, several branches have signed an agreement with the law departments of universities and colleges to join the "Summer Legal Internship Program," which would be for resource sharing, and he encouraged each branch to further promote interdisciplinary cooperation with other universities and colleges.

Moreover, the AEA has made breakthroughs in public-private collaboration over the past year. For example, it organized and held the Enterprise Integrity Forum for "A Win-Win Approach for Integrity and Competency by Compliance Assessment" to improve the fairness of real estate appraisals. In response to the Supreme Court's 2019 Tai-Kang-Da-Zi No. 897 Civil Court Ruling, in response to various practical problems faced in the enforcement of life insurance termination payments, an expert consultation meeting on "Practical Issues in the Compulsory Enforcement of Rights in Life Insurance Contracts" was first held, in which tax collection units and three life insurance companies, Cathay Life, Nanshan Life and Fubon Life, were invited to brainstorm and discuss the issue thoroughly to reach a consensus.

During the Symposium, the heads of the 13 branches also submitted reports and shared the features, innovations and future strategies of their respective branch. Each branch had innovative success in strengthening enforcement against major tax defaulters and in other various projects, strengthening horizontal cooperation between agencies and public-private collaboration, technological innovation, convenience and care for the general public and going international. Through the Symposium, experience sharing between branches encourages each branch to reach further perfection.

At his speech, Minister Tsai highly recognized the efforts of the enforcement agencies which demonstrated determination in fully implementing public power, outstanding results. He then awarded the "Top of Enforcement" Honorary Medal to the winning branches and encouraged all branches to continue their efforts to serve justice.

Minister Tsai also commended each branch for implementing the government's policies including preventing "African Swine Fever" and "COVID-19 epidemic" and promoting "zero tolerance for driving under the influence" and "making pedestrians a priority," to handling various other projects, which all reached significant achievements; and the goals

of promoting education for legal compliance among the general public that had been profoundly recognized by the Premier of Executive Yuan. The administrative enforcement agencies and prosecution agencies are both affiliated to the Ministry of Justice. For auction cases entrusted by the prosecution agencies, teamwork, enforcement expertise, and experience are all required to be utilized to provide assistance. Last but not least, Minister Tsai commended the AEA for their outstanding performance in adopting innovative technology and ideas to improve enforcement efficiency, actively promoting interdisciplinary integration of public-private cooperation, enhancing the AEA's international promotion, and caring for the disadvantaged.



Minister Tsai presented the "Top of Enforcement" Honorary Medal



The 2023 Annal Symposium of the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice



Minister Tsai attended the Symposium and delivered his speech