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“If you dare to drive under the influence, your property will be sold by the authority!”

AEA continues to enforce the special project of the fine for driving under the influence to demonstrate the determination of fighting against driving under the influence of the government

In order to keep traffic justice and protect the traffic safety of the public, AEA, following the implementation of the first and second special projects, has continued to expand the project since January 2022. All 13 branches of AEA mobilize the enforcement officers to enforce actively to demonstrate the determination of the government to eliminate the cases of driving under the influence. From November 15, 2021 to February 16, 2022, **the total valid amount collected by 13 branches of AEA from the enforcement of the special project of the fine for driving under the influence reached NTD 78,821,850.** For the specific enforcement results, there is a total of 779 lands, 165 buildings, 71 automobiles and 33 motorcycles seized; 2,427 enforcement officers are mobilized. The enforcement will continue to be expanded strictly and rapidly to stop driving under the influence and protect the life, [physical](#) safety and property of the public.

In order to prevent driving under the influence, the Executive Yuan has been actively considering the amendments related to driving under the influence. The Legislative Yuan has passed the amendments to the Criminal Code and the Road Traffic Management and Penalty Act on January 24, 2022, adding provisions for heavier penalties and raising the

maximum amount of fines, and the President enacted the amendments on January 28, 2022. Premier Su Tseng-Chang of the Executive Yuan urged the drivers who drive under the influence not to take any chances, otherwise, the drivers may face jail time and their vehicles may be confiscated and a huge fine imposed. All abovementioned measures demonstrate the determination of the government in fighting against driving under the influence! In order to continue the policies implemented by the government on fighting against driving under the influence, Minister of Justice Tsai Ching-Hsiang has announced the adoption of policies such as heavier penalties against driving under the influence. Director-General Lin, Ching-Tsung of AEA also requires all branches to continue the enhancement of the enforcement of the special project against driving under the influence. There is no break for law enforcement! The traffic safety of the public shall be protected.

AEA states that the special project of enhancing enforcement of the fine of the cases related to driving under the influence has been very successful with vigilance and educational functions, as the branches have stepped up their enforcement efforts and are actively enforcing the law in a strict and rapid manner. For example:

- i. The obligor Pan, who lives in Taipei City, has been fined for multiple violations, such as refusing to take a sobriety test, running red lights and speeding, the total number of tickets exceeds 40, and the total amount of fine exceeds NTD 180,000. The total overdue amount he owes, including the overdue health insurance fee, exceeds NTD 1,000,000. He paid NTD 100,000 at the counter of the branch after his land was seized by Taipei Branch and applied to pay in installments. If he does not pay the amount in accordance with the conditions provided in the application of paying in installments, his land will be auctioned and the bidding amount will be collected by the branch to pay off the overdue fine.

- II. The obligor Li, who lives in Taipei City, has been fined for multiple violations, such as driving under the influence and driving without a license. The total overdue amount he owes, including the overdue tax payment and health insurance fee, exceeds NTD 280,000. He paid the whole amount owed one day before the Lunar New Year with the help from his family and friends after his building was seized by Shilin Branch.
- III. The obligor Chang, who lives in New Taipei City, has been fined for multiple violations, such as refusing to take a sobriety test and driving without a license. The total overdue amount he owes exceeds NTD 200,000. He started to negotiate with the branch, paid part of the amount owed on-site with the help from his brother and applied to pay in installments to avoid the auction of his family after his portion of a building was seized by New Taipei Branch.
- IV. The obligor Huang, who lives in Taoyuan City, has been fined twice for driving under the influence and refuses to pay the fine. The total overdue amount he owes exceeds NTD 110,000. Taoyuan Branch seized his bank deposit and conducted enforcement at his engineering company. As he is absent, the executor told his daughter about the possible consequence of the auction of his property when not paying the overdue amount. His daughter promised to inform the obligor to pay off the fine as soon as possible after realizing that the auction might impact the business of his engineering company.
- V. The obligor who lives in Hsinchu County, has been fined 121 times, including driving under the influence, running red lights, speeding and illegal parking, and he refused to pay. The total overdue amount he owes exceeds NTD 260,000. After Hsinchu Branch inspected his property and seized his salary, he was afraid that his monthly wage might be seized every month and all the fine paid off at once.

- VI. The obligor Li, who lives in Nantou County, has been fined for multiple violations, such as driving under the influence and driving without a license. The total overdue amount he owes exceeds NTD 310,000. After Changhua Branch conducted on-site enforcement at his workplace, he was afraid that his salary will be enforced continually and paid NTD 15,000 immediately. He applied to pay in installments for the rest of the fine and promises that he will pay off the amount owed as soon as possible.
- VII. The obligor Chen, who lives in Tainan City, has been fined twice for driving under the influence and refused to pay the fine. The total overdue amount he owes is NTD 50,500. After conducting an inspection and finding that the obligor has a credit on an insurance policy which can be enforced, Tainan Branch issued an execution decree to seize his credit. In order to avoid the enforcement against his credit, the obligor paid off the whole fine immediately.
- VIII. The obligor Chang, who lives in Kaohsiung City, is a recidivist and has been fined for driving under the influence three times. The total overdue amount he owes, including fines for other traffic violations, exceeds NTD 300,000. He refused to pay the fine, so Kaohsiung Branch conducted an inspection, enforced his deposit and collected around NTD 290,000. The Branch will continue to enforce to collect the rest of the fine.
- IX. The obligor Huang, who lives in Pingtung, has been fined twice for driving under the influence, running red lights and other traffic violations. The total overdue amount he owes exceeds NTD 130,000. He did not pay off the fine in time and his vehicle was seized by Pingtung Branch. He was afraid that his vehicle will be auctioned, thus paying off all the fines on the same day with the help from his family.
- X. The obligor Yang, who lives in Hualien County, has been fined for multiple violations, such as driving under the influence, driving without a license and failing

to attend the Traffic Safety Lectures. The total overdue amount he owes exceeds NTD 40,000, and he also owes health insurance fees for many years. After Hualien Branch seized his portions of lands, he was afraid that his portions would be auctioned, and promised that he will raise the fund to pay off the overdue fine as soon as possible.

- XI. The obligor Ho, who lives in Yilan County, has been fined 564 times, including multiple traffic violations, such as speeding, failing to pay the parking fee and ETC tolls. The total overdue amount he owes exceeds NTD 360,000, and he refused to pay. Yilan Branch seized his land and arranged an auction to pay off the fines he owed.

Driving under the influence will create serious harm to the public and the drivers themselves, and severely affect the safety of society. The government will continue to fight against driving under the influence and AEA will continue to enforce relevant cases strictly in accordance with the law. AEA reminds the public: “Don’t drive under the influence.” The public should not take any chances driving under the influence, otherwise, they will have to bear all relevant legal obligations and pay a huge price. By that time, it will be too late to regret!