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"The enforcement will not rest until driving under the influence is eliminated"

AEA starts the second special project of enhancing enforcement of the fine of the cases related to driving under the influence to protect the traffic safety of the public

In order to keep traffic justice and protect the traffic safety of the public, AEA, following the implementation of the first special project, has continued to expand the project since January 2022 to enhance the second special project. All 13 branches of AEA mobilizes 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 January 14, a total amount of NTD 286,438,839 has been collected by the 13 branches of AEA for fines for violation of the Road Traffic Management and Penalty Act and overdue ETC tolls, including an amount of NTD 26,475,906 which is collected by the 13 branches for cases of driving under the influence. For the specific enforcement results, there are total of 936 lands, 222 buildings, 91 automobiles and 24 motorcycles are seized, 4,477 enforcement officers are mobilized and 2,426 onsite enforcement are implemented. The enforcement will continue to

be expanded strictly and rapidly to stop driving under the influence and protect the life, safety and property of the public.

On January 6, 2022, the Premier of Executive Yuan Su Tseng-Chang instructed the government authorities to take issues related to traffic safety seriously, to be determined to protect the traffic safety of the public, and passed 21 traffic safety improvements, including "zero tolerance on driving under the influence", which requires that any overdue fine for driving under the influence should be enforced as a priority. Minister of Justice Tsai Chin-Shan therefore instructs that if an obligor fails to pay the fine of driving under the influence on time, the authority which imposes the fine shall refer the case to administrative execution immediately, and the branches shall take proper methods promptly to enforce actively to eliminate any chance of luck for the obligor. AEA Director-general Lin Ching-Tsung has ordered all branches to initiate the second special project of enhancing enforcement of the fine of the cases related to driving under the influence from January 5, 2022, and all 13 branches will start the project simultaneously on January 14, 2022. The Directorgeneral also instructs all branches to establish a liaison platform with the relevant authorities to coordinate a deadline for informing the payment for the fine of driving under the influence. For any obligor who fails to pay the said fine on time, it will be enforced actively and immediately.

AEA states that the second 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. An obligor Hsu, who has been fined for many times for using the drugs, has an overdue fine of NTD 220,000. He entrusts an agent to pay off the fine on-site on January 12, 2022 after his apartment was seized by Taipei Branch.
- II. An obligor Tsao, who has been fined NTD 90,000 for refusing a breathalyzer test while riding motorcycle and owes other fine for violating traffic regulations, has an overdue fine of NTD 290,000. He entrusted his family member to pay off the fine on January 11, 2022 after his house was seized by Shilin Branch.
- III. An obligor Tang, who has been fined for using drugs, refusing a breathalyzer test and violating traffic regulations, has an overdue fine of NTD 190,000. He paid off the fine on January 10, 2022 after his house was seized by New Taipei Branch.
- IV. An obligor Liao, who has been fined NTD 90,000 for refusing a breathalyzer test while riding motorcycle and pulled off by the police, and he refuses to pay the fine. He entrusts his wife to pay off the fine on January 6, 2022 after Taoyuan Branch implemented an on-site enforcement at his place.
- V. An obligor who lives in Hsinchu County has been fined NTD 90,000 for driving under the influence of drugs, owes a total NTD 200,000 fine for speeding, driving without license,

- running red lights. His motorcycle has been seized and towed by Hsinchu branch after its investigation.
- VI. An obligor Chou, who lives in Taichung, has been fined for many times for driving without license, violating traffic regulations and owing ETC tolls. The total amount of overdue fine is more than NTD 200,000. He paid off the fine on-site on January 11, 2022 after his new-purchased Mercedes automobile was seized by Taichung Branch.
- VII. An obligor Tseng, who lives in Taichung, has owed more than 2,000 times of ETC tolls, with a total amount around NTD 640,000. This amount owed is the highest amount in the country, and the obligor refuses to pay. He paid off the overdue amount after his house was auctioned by Changhua Branch.
- VIII. An obligor Lai, who lives in Chiayi County, has been fined NTD 171,350 for 27 traffic regulation violations, including driving under the influence and refuses to pay the fine. He pays off all the fine after his ownership portion of a land in Minxiong Township auctioned by Chiayi Branch.
- IX. An obligor Li, who lives in Tainan City, has been fined around NTD 90,000 for driving under the influence and driving without license, and refuses to pay. He paid off all of the fine on-site on January 7, 2022 after his house was seized by Tainan Branch.
- X. An obligor Hsiao, who lives in Kaohsiung City, has been fined for NTD 220,000 for driving under the influence of drugs. His salaries has been deducted currently for NTD 8,400 every-

month to pay off the fine after Kaohsiung Branch conducting ex-officio investigations on his working status.

- XI. In Pingtung City, an obligor who refused a breathalyzer test and another obligor who drives under the influence, are fined NTD 140,000 and NTD 90,000 respectively. After referring to Pingtung Branch without property information, with active investigations, the Branch finds that he has deposit in banks and seized the deposit to pay off all the fine.
- XII. An obligor Chen, who lives in Keelung City, has been fined for NTD 99,000 for driving under the influence twice in 5 years and driving without a license. He paid off all the fines recently after his real properties were seized by Yilan Branch.
- XIII. An obligor Liu, who lives in Hualien County, has been fined for NTD60,000 for riding motorcycle after using amphetamine. He refuses to pay the fine, and Hualien Branch notifies him that if he does not pay, the ownership portion of his land will be auctioned. After receiving the notice, he recently paid off all the fine and fees at once.

It is the consensus of our society that showing "zero tolerance for driving driving under the influence", and it also being listed as a priority of implementing government policies. For the cases related to the fine for violating the traffic regulations related to driving under the influence, AEA will continue to enforce the said cases actively. The Lunar New Year is coming, but there is no holiday for AEA on fighting driving under the influence. AEA promises that it will "fight

driving under the influence to protect the safety of the public", and stop the bad trend of driving under the influence to defend the traffic justice and traffic safety of the public.