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**“International Conference on Administrative Enforcement Mechanism”
Held by MOJ, OAC and NUK for the Expansion of International Academic
Exchange and Outlook of Law Enforcement Using Technology**

The “International Conference on Administrative Enforcement Mechanism—
Evolution and Prospects” was held yesterday (Nov. 15) at the National University of
Kaohsiung. The event was kick-started with opening speeches delivered by Tsai, Pi-
Chung, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice, Kuan, Bi-Ling, Minister of the Ocean
Affairs Council, and Chen, Yueh-Tuan, President of National University of Kaohsiung.
The Conference also invited two foreign scholars, Professor Katsuhiko Itagaki of
Yokohama National University of Japan to introduce Japan’s administrative enforcement
legal system, and Colonel Johonsan Fabilane the legal affairs officer of the Philippine
Coast Guard to discuss the enforcement efforts against trespassing pump dredgers.
Domestic and foreign experts, scholars, practitioners and executives participating in the
Conference reviewed the development process of Taiwan's administrative enforcement
laws, also leveraged upon the experience foreign legal systems offered in the discussion
and exchange of opinions on emerging legal issues related to administrative enforcement,
to facilitate cross-agency and cross-field cooperation leading to an innovative future.

In his speech, Deputy Minister Tsai from the Ministry of Justice shared that it was
the first time that the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice had
planned and organized an international academic symposium because the fast pace of
change in modern society rendered working behind closed doors no longer appropriate.
Tsai also shared that in order to cope with new challenges, we must always open our

doors and actively seek opportunities for horizontal cooperation. Not only is mutual understanding and integration indispensable not only amongst internationally and among institutions and agencies, but also amongst academic and practical societies, as well as cross-professional fields to enable the utilization of various societal resources in cooperation and successfully achieving various goals. The Conference was co-organized by and under the guidance of the National University of Kaohsiung, a professional academic institution in southern Taiwan, and the Ocean Affairs Council, the most authoritative agency in charge of marine affairs. The co-organization and guidance offered by both organizations allowed the introduction of innovative ideas, promotion of cross-field cooperation and ideations, hence providing a clearer pathway for future research and governance of various agencies. In her speech, Minister Kuan from the Ocean Affairs Council recognized the Administrative Enforcement Agency's use of technology to produce VR videos during the auction of pump dredgers that allowed the general public to immerse themselves to examine the condition of the vessels, improving the effectiveness of the auction. President Chen of National University of Kaohsiung also mentioned that the Administrative Enforcement Agency's advanced practices such as using drones and plate recognition systems to search for tax-delinquent vehicles had deeply impressed the general public, which demonstrated the innovation and efforts of the enforcement agencies in law enforcement using technology.

As the executive unit of the Conference, Director General Huang, Yu-Yuan of the Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of Justice, in his keynote speech titled "Revisiting the Path- Review and Prospects of the 23-year History of Administrative Enforcement Agency" also specifically shared that Taiwan had established a dedicated public law enforcement unit to handle obligations of monetary payments. The unit, which was not only the first of its kind around the world, had from its humble beginnings achieved enforcement results of collecting more than NT\$640 billion. From its establishment, the Administrative Enforcement Agency has actively implemented the core values of "justice and caring" and "legal compliance first". In addition to constantly

improving along with the trends and using technology to perfect enforcement methods, the AEA has also lend a helping hand to disadvantaged groups by making good use of the payment installment system of administrative enforcement, optimally utilizing other agencies and social resources to share form a support network, and taking into account the principles of adequate and balanced lenient and strict law enforcement.

All experts, scholars, practitioners and students from home and abroad actively participated in the Conference. With in-depth exchanges and discussion amongst academia and practice groups, people from all walks of life would be able to have a clearer and better understanding of the development of the administrative enforcement system. During the Conference, the speakers' professionalism, valuable comments from the panelists, and the attendance of all participants built bridges connecting international academic exchange and brought the Conference to a successful conclusion.



(Tsai, Pi-Chung, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice delivering a speech)



(Group photo of Deputy Minister Tsai of the Ministry of Justice, Minister Kuan of the Ocean Affairs Council, President Chen of National University of Kaohsiung, Director Huang of the Administrative Enforcement Agency, Ministry of Justice and distinguished guests. Courtesy of National University of Kaohsiung)