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A Good Start for the New Year

**The joint auction on the “first” “Tuesday” of every month, starting at “3” p.m.”
made NTD 162,420,000 for the Administrative Enforcement Agency**

The first session of 2024 (which will also be the year of the “Dragon” of the lunar calendar) joint auction held on the “first” Tuesday” of every month, starting at “3” p.m. By the Administrative Enforcement Agency (AEA), Ministry of Justice was opened on January 2. However, the general public enthusiastically visited the auction locations to make their bids, in which a total action income of NT\$162,422,237 was collected, which not only solved the debts of obligors but also effectively provided financial resources for the national treasury, creating the win-win benefits for both the government and the general public.

The total bid amount of real properties reached NT\$153,321,522. Among them, the highest auction income came from the Shilin Branch who was entrusted by the Miaoli District Prosecutor’s Office to auction three commercial buildings owned by the person in-charge of the Hongfuhai Group who had illegally collected a fortune of tens of billions. The buildings were located opposite the Hongshulin MRT Station and near the estuary of Tamsui River, and each had 1 to 2 parking spaces. They were successfully sold at the fourth auction for NT\$59,579,990. The Yilan Branch auctioned a total of three 4-story villas located at Xianzheng 1st St., Yilan City. The villas received the Golden Stone Award for their southern French-style architectural design. It would take a 13-minute drive to reach the Yilan Interchange of National Highway No. 5 and there were shopping malls including Carrefour and Luna Plaza, as well as the site reserved for construction of Yilan Station of THSR within

their vicinity, demonstrating their excellent geographic location and they were auctioned for a total of more than NT\$20.82 million. The New Taipei Branch auctioned a building located at Da'an Road in Shulin District, New Taipei City, which was sold at NT\$21,600,008, exceeding the upset price by 22.7%.

In addition, the one that attracted the most attention was the joint cooperation between the prosecution and administrative enforcement systems which auctioned items illegally obtained by the crimes of drug smuggling using cargo ships that are deeply hated by local citizens. The Kaohsiung Branch was entrusted by the Kaohsiung District Prosecutor's Office to auction the yacht "AQUARIUS 1" registered with the Republic of Sierra Leone and the cargo ship "FEI YAN" registered with the Republic of Cameroon, which were used for smuggling drugs. In order to let the general public to fully understand the current conditions of the two vessels, the Branch requested the assistance of the Third Special Police Corps, National Police Agency, Ministry of the Interior to guide the people to board the ships for viewing, so as to raise their desire to buy the vessels, which were successfully sold for NT\$20.01 million and NT\$7,201,689 respectively, making the total action income from the two vessels reach NT\$27,211,689. It's worth mentioning that "AQUARIUS 1" was sold for NT\$29.09 million in November 2023, which exceeded the upset price by 70%. However, that transaction failed because the buyer did not make the final payment, and hence, this time was its second auction. There are also real properties with good qualities auctioned by other branches with exceptional results. The public can purchase good houses and lands right before the Lunar New Year.

The total amount made after the highest-bidding for the personal properties auctioned was NT\$9,100,715. At the jurisdiction of the Changhua Branch, Tseng the tea grower suffered great losses due to a 10-hour big fire striking the factory that caused disease spread among his 17-hectare sweet potato leaves farm. The tea farmer then, according to his

statement, under the instructions of Holy Ruler Deity Guan that granted him 17 consecutive yeses, started to grow purple sweet potato leaves with high nutrition values and even visited experts of the Tea Research and Extension Station at Yuchi Township Tea Improvement Farm to study tea production for 3 years. When he finally produced the purple sweet potato leaves tea which was named “Taiwan Xin Tea” by himself, the COVID-19 pandemic affected his revenue and made him suffer from an arrear of taxation of over NT\$900 thousand. In order to help the tea farmer to overcome the hardship, the Changhua Branch sold his “Taiwan Xin Tea” and “Sweet Potato Leaves Milk Tea” products at the “Changhua Foreclosure Market”, which obtained a total of NT\$14,200 to pay off the arrear. The Branch also invited the students of Hetung Elementary School to the auction site to participate in the “My Day as a Court Clerk” activity, in which the students assisted in the auction process to make law-compliance education take root. Also, charity groups were invited to set up stalls to sell biscuits and handmade products to demonstrate the organizational culture of “Administration with Love and Justice without Hindrance”. The rest of the properties auctioned included rice, beverages, sports goods, computers, several cars, motorcycles, stock certificates and virtual currency etc., which were widely favored by the general public and were sold out soon after the auction began.

The joint auction is held on the “first” “Tuesday” of every month, starting at “3” p.m. For more updated auction information, please log on the official website (<http://www.tpk.moj.gov.tw>) or continue following the official website as well as Facebook fan pages of each branch. At the same time, 13 branches stream the auction on their Facebook fan pages. Bidders can participate at the site or online and get rid of spatial boundaries. Every interested bidder is welcome.



The yacht "AQUARIUS 1" used for smuggling drugs was auctioned by the Kaohsiung Branch



The cargo ship "FEI YAN" used for smuggling drugs was auctioned by the Kaohsiung Branch



The products of Taiwan Xin Tea and Sweet Potato Leaves Milk Tea provided by the tea farmer Tseng and auctioned by the Changhua Branch