

Press Release

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Yunlin Prosecutors Office concluded the case of Da○ Group delivering bribery and Yunlin County Council Speaker & Members receiving bribery.

Prosecutor Xiao Shiyong hosted the case , and Prosecutor Shi Jiarong and Tsai Shaoxun jointly commanded the following units : the Changhua County Investigation Station, the Yunlin County Investigation Station, the Taichung City Investigation Office, the Central Region Mobile Work Station , the Northern Region Mobile Work Station, the Central Region of the Independent Commission Against Corruption(all above belong to the Ministry of Justice), the regional investigation team of Changhua County Gendarmerie, and the Telecommunications Investigation Police Brigade , and the 3 prosecutors conducted the investigation. After the investigation was completed, it was found that the defendants Shen○Long, Zhong○Lang, and Wang○Min were suspected of accepting bribes (without violating their duties, however) according to Article 5, Item 1, Paragraph 3 of the Corruption and Crime Regulations. The defendants Wang○Yi and Pan○Gang were suspected of paying bribes to civil servants under Item 4 and Item 2 of Article 11 of the Corruption and Crime Regulations. Public prosecution was launched on July 26, 2023.

Dated from June 2019, Da○Group has established a wind power plant in Yunlin County. Since then , local people and some members of the Yunlin County Council often made protests against the plant to influence the Yunlin County Government's attitude of supporting the wind power project, causing that the Da○ group's projects to apply for official documents and construction licenses from the Yunlin County Government not as smoothly as expected, and the wind farm development progress lagged behind significantly. So the acting chairman of Da○

Group, i.e the defendant Wang○Yi, then sought the support of the defendant Shen○Long, and Wang○Min, i.e. the speaker and the member of the Yunlin County Council, through the defendant Pan○Gang, i.e. the CEO of the Da○group's Yunlin office, hoping them to supervise and question the Yunlin County government by proposing resolutions in order to put pressure on the county officials and to require relevant units to shorten the time of Da○Group's application for official documents and relating licenses.

Da○Group's largest development project in Yunlin County is its affiliated company Yun○Company's offshore wind power plant (referred to Wind Farm hereinafter), which is expected to build 80 wind turbines. Defendant Wang○Yi asked the Bo○Company(referred to BO Company hereinafter), which contracts the Wind Farm's anti-scouring project, to contract the stone dumping work under the project with Hong○Company, run by the defendant, Zhong○Lang, who is designated by the defendant Shen○Long. Defendant Wang○Yi then instructed the defendant Pan○Gang to coordinate with Shen○Long and Zhong○Lang, and requested BOCompany to sign a contract with Hong○Company, deliberately raising the unit price of stone riprap. In this way defendants Shen○Long and Zhong○Lang got bribes without getting involved in any contract , negotiation or mediation. Then BO Company did sign a stone dumping project contract with Hong○Company on June 30, 2020, and the defendant Wang○Yi and Pan○Gang used the stone dumping project money to provide bribes. Thus the defendant Zhong○Lang delivered bribes to the defendant Shen○Long, and the defendant Shen○Long agreed to assist the Da○Group in

various ways through his duties. In the end, the defendant Shen○Long received a bribe of NT\$ (the same below) 20 million from the rock dumping project contracted by Da○Group and BO Company; while the defendant Zhong○Lang received a bribe of NT\$5.4 million 4899. The defendants Pan○Gang, Shen○Long, and ZhongLang confessed that they committed the crime during the interrogation, and the defendants Shen○Long and Zhong○Lang had returned all their criminal proceeds.

The other defendant Wang○Min asked the defendant Pan○Gang in 2019 whether the Da○Group could provide financial sponsorship . Then the defendant Wang○Yi agreed to pay NT\$1.5 million in cash per year to the defendant Wang○Min . So the defendant Wang○Min and his assistant You○Hui successively purchased invoices from August 2018 to November 2022 from 6 manufacturers, pretending buyers are Da○Group. Finally the defendant Wang○Min transferred the false invoices to the defendant Pan○Gang, who then applied for PR fees from the Da○Group in the name of "gift sponsorship", "activity subsidy", etc., and the Da○Group remitted the PR fees to the defendant Pan○Gang .Then defendant Pan○Gang withdrew the cash in person or had his spouse, the defendant You○Hong, deliver it to the defendant Wang○Min. A total of NT\$2.75 million bribes were paid to the defendant Wang○Min in this way. The defendant Wang○Min then used his position in the County Council to assist the Da○Group (the defendants You○Hui, You○Hong and some other manufacturers who issued false invoices were also involved in crimes, and the prosecutors deferred prosecution for the time being).

Yunlin District Prosecutors Office insists that green energy construction is an established core energy policy of the country. Therefore, we call on relevant

administrative departments and public opinion representatives to act in accordance with the law. Green energy manufacturers should also follow legal channels to invest and construct. If they encounter difficulties such as extortion by protestants and malicious individuals, they should report the case to Yunlin District Prosecutors Office and look for legal channels for coordination, and should not take risks based on the success or failure of the development project. If there is any illegality, Yunlin District Prosecutors Office and the judicial investigation agency will strictly investigate and deal with it, as a strong legal shield for maintaining the rule of law in society and the order of economic development.