

Press Release

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The Yunlin District Prosecutor's Office investigated and prosecuted a case of setting up shell corporations that imported foreign migrant workers.

The Keelung City Special Task Force(belonging to the North District Affairs Brigade of the Immigration Department of the Ministry of Interior Affairs)received information 2011, that it was suspected some new naturalized Vietnamese residents took advantage of their position in their firms introducing a lot of Vietnamese migrant workers through illegal means and made huge profits , since the migrant workers mistakenly believed that they were legally introduced, so they paid high intermediary fees. The Keelung City Special Task Force reported this case to prosecutor Duan Kefang who directed the investigation. After one year , the investigation was concluded on January 22, 2013 . It is clear now that the new naturalized Vietnamese residents Nguyen ○○ (female, born in 1968), and an escaping migrant worker

Ruan ○○ (Male, 69 years old) ,and Taiwanese Wang ○○ (male, born in 62 years), Wei ○○ (male, born in 61 years) and others, respectively involved in :

(A)Article 64, Paragraph 2 of the Employment Service Act : with the intention of making a profit to intermediate and make foreigners illegally working for others ,

(B) Articles 216 and 214 of the Criminal Law : to cause civil servants to make false official documents,

(C)Articles 216, 215, &Article 339-4, Paragraph 2 of the Criminal Law : to commit

the crime of obtaining money by fraud, by three or more persons jointly.

Those new naturalized Vietnamese residents were prosecuted; 10 other persons who cooperated with this office were given deferred prosecution.

After receiving the case, Prosecutor Duan Kefang of this office directed :

- (1)the Keelung City Special Task Force,
- (2)the Yunlin County Special Task Force of the Southern District Affairs Brigade,
- (3) the Chiayi County Special Task Force,
- (4)the Yunlin County Investigation Station of the Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Justice.
- (5)the Yunlin Investigation Team of the Coast Guard Investigation and Defense Branch,
- (6)the Douliu Branch of the Yunlin County Police Department and other agencies jointly and conducted the investigation. A total of more than 130 agents were dispatched to Taichung City, Changhua County, Yunlin County and other places. 8 searches and 3 administrative inspections were carried out. Relevant evidence such as mobile phones and account books were seized, and 9 shell corporation were found out.

The investigation revealed that, Wang ○○ and Wei ○○ are the joint operators of Shang○ and ○Quan Manpower Agency Co., Ltd. (Shang○ Company and ○Quan Company) , and Nguyen ○○ is the manager who does translation and manage migrant workers). Ruan ○○ is the boyfriend of Nguyen ○○ , and he assists Nguyen ○○in the management of Vietnamese migrant workers. Ten company leaders, including Wang ○○ , Wei ○○, Ruan Shi ○○ and Chen ○○ , all used false information to establish shell cotporations and factories, and all falsely reported the number of insured labors in the cotporations and factories by repeatedly adding and withdrawing insurance. In this way they got increased quota of migrant workers. After obtaining the employment permit, they then recruited and lured Vietnamese migrant workers to come to Taiwan and work, but in a location different from what stated in the labor contracts with different contents. Every migrant worker was defrauded an agency fee of NT\$100,000 (the same below). Since 2020, they have recruited, brokered and introduced about a hundred of Vietnamese

migrant workers. The illegal income is estimated to be as much as NT\$ 25 million .

This office calls on that ROC government always esteems the rights and interests of migrant workers working and living in Taiwan, and will never allow unscrupulous people to introduce migrant workers to Taiwan through illegal channels and then defraud migrant workers of improper fees. People and agencies of ROC should work together to safeguard the human rights of migrant workers and provide them with a safe working environment, which will be positively helpful to our country's economical and international image.