

***Symposium of Industry and Commerce of New Year Perspective Hosted by Taipei City Government, Promoting Administrative Efficiency.***

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February 6<sup>th</sup>, Department of Industrial Development and Department of Ethics of Taipei City Government jointly organized the event of "Symposium of Industry and Commerce of New Year Perspective", with representatives of industrial and commercial sectors and incumbent public servants as target audiences, for strengthening the understanding of Taipei's industrial and commercial application and administration process, as well as the criminal charges of Abuse of Entrusted Power for Private Gain. By removing the concern of being accused of such crime encourages public service agencies taking responsibilities and building rapport with industries. More than 150 representatives participated.

In response to the US-China trade war that drives scores of businesses moving back to Taiwan, industry representatives such as Qin Jiahong, National Policy Advisor and Chairman of the Republic of China Industrial United Manufacturers Association, has repeatedly advised the President and the minister of the Executive Yuan that civil servants should be able to carry out missions and duties while free from concerns of facing frivolous lawsuits and accusations. Qin was invited to deliver a speech, and Chen Rongzhou, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Justice Agency Against Corruption, also participated the discussion.

In the opening speech, Wenzhe Ke, Mayor of Taipei City Government, stated an open and transparent platform will be unremittingly promoted. The list of members' names in the selected committee of major public construction projects has to be announced beforehand to implement public participation. Bidders must be submitted a signed form, agreeing to commit with integrity during the process of any public procurement. The purpose of this event was to clarify the concern of involving in frivolous accusations of abusing public resources for private gains for both public and private personnel and institutions, to cooperate and facilitate measures that promotes innovation and accessibility for the general public, while creating a city free of collusion between public servants and private sectors.

Mayor Ke further pointed out, Taipei City Government will continue to improve the environment for investing, promote measures to simplify the administrative process,

and upgrade industrial standards to effectively meet the needs of industrial and commercial enterprises. The Urban-Planning and Construction-Management Database enables the public to search whether the requirements of the construction management and urban-planning regulations is met on certain site by simply typing in the address and business code.

Yiling Chen, the chief secretary of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, was also invited to give a speech. Cheng Feng, secretary of the Agency Against Corruption, Shengzhong Xu, senior partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers Taiwan, and Chengguang Zhu, executive vice president of KPMG carried on featured discussions, followed by summary speeches by Chongjie Lin, the Director of the Industrial Development Bureau, and Fengliang Shen, the director of the Department of Ethics. This symposium later ended with consensus and positive feedback from representatives of both public and private sectors.