**Third Indictment Against Custom Officers**

Kaohsiung Prosecutors’ Office (“KPO”) prosecutor Chao-Ching Hsieh（謝肇晶）and Chang chih-chieh（張志杰） led the investigation into the bribery among Kaohsiung customs officers, Kaohsiung Branch Bureau of Standards Metrology & Inspection officers, and traders. They launched the first searching on April 2013, and there were already 49 defendants have been indicted, including 27 public officers (24 from Kaohsiung customs, the other 3 from Kaohsiung Branch, Bureau of Standards, Metrology & Inspection) up to now.

It was found that the importer Wu chen-huang(吳震煌) bribed Kaohsiung customs officer Chen chen-kai(陳城開) and Wu ming-tsung(吳明聰) for having faster custom clearance of the import cargo from highly risk area, like Indonesia, Philippines, or Vietnam to avoid the cargo being damaged during the examination. Also, the aquatic exporters bribed the officers of Kaohsiung Branch, Bureau of Standards, Metrology & Inspection out of fear of the officers being picky intentionally, or for speeding up the procedure of issuing the hygiene certificates.

Besides the bribery, it was also found the fish exporter Wang li-hua（王麗華） forged the report numbers, receiving dates, examination dates of the used SGS certificates. Her company had fish orders from Belorussia, Georgian republic, Russia, and Ukraine. Sometimes, due to lack of time she can’t provide SGS certificates to Bureau of Standards Metrology & Inspection to apply the hygiene certificate. In order to catch up with the delivery deadline, she supplied the forged documents to unknowing customs brokers to apply for the export certificate. She had exported cargos in this way forty-two times, and had seriously damaged the correctness of the export examination and SGS company. Furthermore, the transporter Kao fu-li（高福利）who was commission by Wu chen-huang and custom broker Chiang hsing-e（江杏娥）to delivery containers to designated places, swindled Wu and Chiang by claiming he knew how to bribe the police officers to avoid the examination. Wu and Chiang were fraud, then Wu paid NT 520,000 to Kao and Chiang paid NT 80,000.

After the investigation, prosecutors indicted Wu chen-huang, Chen chen-kai , and Wu ming-tsung on charges of corruption and violations of Government Procurement Act, Kao fu-li on charge of fraud, Wang li-hua on charge of forgery.