

Chief Prosecutor Hung of Hualien Branch, Taiwan High Prosecutors Office Visits Disaster Area

Expresses Concern for Prosecutors, Police officers, and the staff of Association for Victims Support(AVS) conducting inquest duties

The overflow of the Mataian Creek Lake on September 23rd caused severe damage and casualties in the Guangfu Township of Hualien County. Ming-Chien Cheng Minister of Justice, took the incident very seriously. He immediately instructed Chief Prosecutor Tou-Hui Chang of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office to coordinate with the Taipei, Keelung, and Yilan District Prosecutors Offices to send personnel to support and carry out forensic duties.

Chief Prosecutor Hung not only carefully deliberated the follow-up measures with Chia-Hsiu Chen Chief Prosecutor of the Hualien District Prosecutors

Office on the day of the incident but also personally led the Chief Secretary to the "Ruisui Life Park," where the remains of the deceased were stored, on the afternoon of September 25th. There, he conveyed Minister Cheng and Chief Prosecutor Chang's appreciation and encouragement to the frontline staff conducting the autopsies – prosecutors, clerks, forensic medical examiners, and judicial police from the Taipei, Keelung, Yilan, and Hualien District Prosecutors Offices. He also extended his regards to the staff of the Taiwan Hualien Branch, AVS who were providing psychological support to the families of the deceased.

Chief Prosecutor Hung highly commended each of the prosecutors, police officers, and the staff of AVS for their hard work and dedication in the disaster area. He also specifically encouraged them to pay attention to their personal safety and make proper mental adjustments. Furthermore, he instructed the prosecutors and police officers to carry out inquest duties, "conducted inquests immediately upon notification," promptly conducted the inquest procedure and investigations to facilitate the families of the deceased in handling subsequent matters. He also reminded the prosecutors, police officers, and the staff of AVS to provide timely care and judicial assistance to the victims' families, implementing a warm and empathetic "compassionate and humanistic justice."

