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**Inmate Chen Shui-bian does not meet the requirement for medical treatment on bail:  
MOJ's explanation**

The MOJ Correctional Department has always given first consideration to Mr. Chen Shui-bian's health. In keeping with the spirit of social harmony and rational professionalism, we have constantly taken note of Mr. Chen's life in the prison. His health, in particular, has been given good medical care. The particulars of the care are shown in the attached Table 1.

Paragraph 1 of Article 58 of the Prison Act provides that only when an inmate's illness cannot be properly treated in the prison will the prison authority consider referring him or her under escort to an out-of-prison medical facility for treatment, subject to MOJ approval. This is a matter of law and medical professionalism rather than a political consideration. Statistics show, currently there are 22 inmates who have been bailed out for medical treatment, for their illness was too critical to be treated in the prison (see Table 2).

On May 23, 2012, the medical team of the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital at Linkow examined Chen's health with sophisticated instruments and bade him to treat his illness with medication. On July 20, the hospital dispatched three specialists to the prison to conduct further examination. Among them, a neurologist talked with Chen for as long as an hour and then interviewed the wardens who had contact with Chen every day. The doctor also inspected Chen's prison ward. Neurologist Hsu Shih-chieh examined Chen's mental conditions in different aspects and drew the preliminary conclusion that Chen had no obvious mental illness that would need treatment with neurological medication. Hence, Chen does not have what Doctor Chen Chiao-chi has said, based on his interview with Chen, that Chen has "post-traumatic stress syndrome or "major depression disorder."

The Taipei Prison has carefully evaluated Chen's illness based on the examination and diagnosis as shown in Table 3 and concluded that his illness is still within the prison ability of treatment and, therefore, the case does not meet the requirement of medical treatment on bail. The prison will continue to pay close attention to Chen's health and his

medical requirement and give him follow-up examinations for his good health. Acting on Chen's application, the prison has embarked on the arrangement for sending him back to the hospital for examination and treatment. Besides, the prison will invite specialists to examine him on August 23 and 27, respectively. We hope the social public will give due respect to the diagnosis made in the past by medical workers based on their professionalism.

**A comparison of treat given to Chen Shui-bian and other inmates of the Taipei Prison**

**Table 1**

Inmate treat	Ordinary inmates	Chen shui-bian
Medical care	Examination based on the request of inmates by out-patient doctors on public or private expense	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check blood pressure every day, given heated water for bath year round, and provide dryer for laundry.</li> <li>2. Have approved several time Chen's medical friends for coming to the prison to find out the state of his illness.</li> </ol>
Private doctor	Up to now, the prison has approved no doctor for individual examination in the prison.	Have allowed his son-in-law Chao Chien-min to come to treat his right knee joint and his daughter Chen Hsing-yu to treat his teeth. These are first instants of admitting a doctor on own expense.
Out-of-prison medical examination and treatment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To escort inmates for out-of-prison medical examination or treatment upon recommendation of prison doctor and no referral to other hospitals is allowed.</li> <li>2. Inmates may be accompanied by dependants with prison permission. So far, no accompaniment by outsiders have happened.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to maintain his health, he has been sent to DOH Taoyuan Hospital for treatment. Because he has little trust on the hospital, the prison specifically approved his request for treatment at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital.</li> <li>2. In both cases, he was allowed to be accompanied by family and friends and to listen to doctors' explanations in hopes this could mitigated his worry about his conditions.</li> </ol>

<p style="text-align: center;">Inmate</p> <p>treat</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinary inmates</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chen shui-bian</p>
<p>Exercise hour</p>	<p>30 minutes a day but not in rainy days</p>	<p>Outdoor exercise last at least 1 hour a day and he is allowed to exercise indoors on rainy days.</p>

Statistics on medical treatment on bail

Table 2

No.	Name	Illness/birth	Crime committed	Prison term
1	Li x-lou	hypoxic encephalopathy	robbery	10 years
2	Wu x-rong	Chronic stroke, right-side paralysis, bronchial Pneumonia, semantic aphasia	fraud	4 years and 8 months
3	Ku x-chen	Brain tumor and intracranial hemorrhage	Forgery of banknote	14 years and 4 months
4	Kao x-long	Pneumonia cum breathing failure and hypertension	Appropriation	9 month
5	Chen x-hui	Unconsciousness, intracranial hemorrhage and hypokalemia kaliopenia	Appropriation	2 years and 6 months
6	Chang x-kong	Right buccal malignant tumor	Attempted manslaughter	5 years, 4 months and 15 dys
7	Lin x-liang	hypoxic encephalopathy type-2 diabetes and hypertension	Forced obscene	2 years
8	Su x-hsiung	Spontaneous intracranial and ventricular hemorrhage, breath failure, diabetes and hypertension	Fraud	4 years and 6 months
9	Yin x-liang	Bronchitis and pulmonary malignant tumor in the third phase	Intimidation	8 months
10	Chen x-chung	Leukoaraiosis and inability of life management	Domestic violence	1 year

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11	SAun x-nan	Hypoglycemic encephalopathy variable, diabetes, hypertension, unconsciousness, inability of life management	Drug and drunk driving	4 months
12	Lin x-kuo	A wide range of right brain acute ischemic stroke	Forgery	1 year and 9 months
13	T x-lung	Testicular cancer in the fourth period	Forced sexual intercourse	3 years and 2 months
14	Yang x-yang	Pneumonia and respiratory failure, chronic kidney failure, C type viral hepatitis	Appropriation	2 years 6 months
15	Chang x-cho	Nasopharynx malignant tumor, the fourth period	Robbery	8 years
16	Lin x-hsing	Coronary artery disease and myocardial infarction and cardiogenic shock	fraud	6 months
17	Hung x-tsai	cerebral hemorrhage	Offenses Against Sexual Autonomy	3 years
18	Su x-fa	Sepsis and respiratory failure type A influenza infections, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and acute attack	Bond and security forgery	6 years 2 months
19	Chen x-hsiung	Esophageal malignant tumor merger bone metastasis	fraud	10 years and 9 months
20	Tang x-wu	Gastric malignant tumor and internal transfer (the third period), anemia	robbery	2 years
21	Huang x-kui	Heart rhythm not whole, heart failure, type 2 diabetes	infidelity	2 years and 6 months

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22	Lee x-hsing	Right kidney malignant tumor and lung, bone multiple metastases, for the end of the cancer	robbery	7 years 4 months

Results of medical check in the latter half of July 2012

Table 3

Date	Chen's stated symptom	Doctor's treatment	Remarks
July 20, 2012	<p>sense of suppression in the chest, chest pain</p> <p>Panting is not improved.</p> <p>Tendency of committing suicide through famine</p>	<p>1. cardiovascular internal medicine: Blood pressure count was a little higher. The doctor asked the prison to check his pressure for reference of treatment. The prison has heeded the advice.</p> <p>2. Gastroenterology &amp; Hepatology: The doctor said the patient originally Stomach esophagus ulcer. Another stomachoscopy was recommended. As for dark stool, the doctor attributed it to hemorrhoids.</p> <p>3. Neurology: The doctor there is no need for medication.</p>	<p>Chang Gung doctors came and supplied medication</p>
July 28, 2012	<p>Sense of chest suppression</p> <p>Chest pain</p> <p>Ten to pant during walking</p> <p>Hypertension</p>	<p>Having checked blood pressure at prison clinic and no medication was prescribed.</p>	<p>Contracted on-duty doctor</p>
Aug. 1, 2012	<p>Tooth uncomfortable</p>	<p>1. Cleaning teeth</p> <p>2. Making artificial teeth</p> <p>3. Treating tooth sensitivity</p>	<p>1. Self-paid doctor</p> <p>2. Doctor said two more sessions were required for artificial teeth</p>
Au. 8, 2012	<p>Teeth uncomfortable</p>	<p>1. Removing the tooth crowns</p> <p>2. Making artificial teeth</p> <p>3. Installing substitute false teeth</p>	<p>1. Sending for doctor of self expense</p> <p>2. Doctor said another session was required for the artificial teeth.</p>

Aug. 10, 2012	abdominal distension  deep-color urinwe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. diagnosed as slow intestinal movement given intestinal medication for three days</li><li>2. advised to drink more water</li></ol>	
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