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International Cooperation Strengthened to Combat Cross-Border Fraud and Money Laundering

International Conference on Cross-Border Cooperation Against Transnational Crime Opens in Taipei Highlighting Judicial Cooperation and Anti-Fraud Efforts

The Ministry of Justice, the Anti-Money Laundering Office of the Executive Yuan, and the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office jointly hosted the “International Conference on Strengthening Cross-Border Cooperation in Transnational Crime: Combating Fraud from Investigation to Mutual Legal Assistance” on May 20, 2026, at the Shangri-La Far Eastern Hotel in Taipei.

The conference featured four main sessions focusing on joint investigations, anti-fraud and anti-money laundering strategies, AI and technology-assisted investigations, and asset recovery in transnational crime cases.

Distinguished experts and practitioners from around the world participated in the conference. Mr. Mohammed Shahid Ahmed, Vice Chair of the Egmont Group and Chief of Staff of the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit, was specially invited to Taiwan to deliver the keynote address. The conference also brought together experts and practitioners from Poland, France, Germany, Estonia, the Philippines, the U.S. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT).

Taiwanese participants included representatives from the prosecution authorities, the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau (MJIB), the Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB), the Financial Supervisory Commission, the Ministry of Digital Affairs, and the National Communications Commission (NCC). Through panel discussions and practical exchanges, participants shared experiences and insights on cross-border judicial cooperation, technology-assisted investigations, combating money laundering involving virtual assets, and the application of AI in fraud investigations.

The conference highlighted Taiwan's strong commitment to deepening international cooperation and strengthening collective efforts to combat transnational crime.

Opening remarks were delivered by Minister without Portfolio Ming-Hsin Lin of the Executive Yuan. Minister Lin noted that fraud, money laundering, and other transnational crimes have become increasingly organized and technology-driven. Criminal syndicates are increasingly exploiting the internet, virtual assets, artificial intelligence technologies, and cross-border financial flows to facilitate criminal activities. He emphasized that no single country can effectively address these challenges alone, stating that "crime knows no borders, so cooperation must know no distance."

Minister Lin further highlighted that Taiwan signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty in Criminal Matters with Paraguay in May this year, further strengthening bilateral cooperation in criminal investigations, asset seizure, and cross-border law enforcement. He also noted that Taiwan continues to implement the "New Generation Anti-Fraud Strategy Action Plan 2.0" to enhance inter-agency coordination and strengthen fraud prevention, criminal investigations, interdiction of illicit financial flows, and victim protection.

Referring to the "Prince Group" transnational money laundering case prosecuted by the Taipei District Prosecutors Office, Minister Lin stated that inter-agency cooperation, financial intelligence analysis, and technological applications have become increasingly important in combating transnational crime and illicit financial flows.

In his remarks, Minister of Justice Ming-Chien Cheng stated that emerging technologies, including virtual assets, cross-border financial systems, artificial intelligence, and deepfake technologies, are increasingly being exploited by fraud and money laundering syndicates, posing significant challenges to law enforcement authorities. He emphasized that the Ministry of Justice will continue strengthening mutual legal assistance and cross-border law enforcement cooperation, while integrating technology-assisted investigations, legal reforms, and inter-agency collaboration to enhance Taiwan's capacity to combat transnational fraud and money laundering.

Minister Cheng further reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to expanding international judicial cooperation and strengthening cross-border law enforcement networks and international cooperation mechanisms.

As transnational crime continues to become increasingly organized, technology-driven, and globalized, closer international cooperation is more important than ever. This conference serves as a platform for experience-sharing, trust-building, and the strengthening of international cooperation networks. By fostering resilient global partnerships and enhancing cross-border judicial cooperation, Taiwan remains committed to working closely with international partners to combat fraud, money laundering, and other emerging forms of transnational crime.