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**The Institute of Forensic Medicine of the Ministry of Justice,
the Tainan District Prosecutors Office, and the Department of
Forensic Medicine of National Cheng Kung University Hospital
Collaborate on Medicolegal Examinations and Autopsies,
Starting a New Chapter in Forensic Examinations**

To advance the Ministry of Justice's goals in cultivating domestic talent in forensic medicine, increasing the manpower of medical examiners, and improving the quality and efficiency of medicolegal examinations and autopsies, the Institute of Forensic Medicine of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), the Taiwan Tainan District Prosecutors Office, and the National Cheng Kung University Hospital reached a mutual agreement to commission the Department of Forensic Medicine of the National Cheng Kung University Hospital to assist in forensic examinations and professional training. The press conference for the signing of the tripartite agreement was held in Conference Room 400 on the 4th floor of the Outpatient Building of the National Cheng Kung

University Hospital at 3:00 PM on December 16, 2022 (Friday), with speeches from Deputy Minister of Justice Pi-Chung Tsai, President Huey-Jen Su of National Cheng Kung University, and Director I-Lin Hsu of the Public Health Bureau of the Tainan City Government. In addition, Former Superintendent Meng-Ru Shen of National Cheng Kung University Hospital, Division Chief Hung-Wen Tsai of the Department of Pathology of National Cheng Kung University Hospital, Forensic Examiner Ching-Hsun Liu, and Chief Prosecutor Chia-Chi Chu of the Tainan Branch of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office attended the event. With the presence of Deputy Minister Tsai, President Su, and Director Hsu, Director Kuan-Ren Hou of the Institute of Forensic Medicine, Chief Prosecutor Shu-Wen Ye of the Tainan District Prosecutors Office, and Interim Superintendent Jing-Wei Lee of the National Cheng Kung University Hospital signed the agreement on behalf of their institutions.

National Cheng Kung University Hospital is a premier teaching hospital in southern Taiwan. Maintaining a spirit of compassion and medical humanitarianism, the Hospital regards as its duty to improve the health and welfare of the entire population, and has continually upheld its social responsibility and active commitment to the public good. Now that it has established the Department of Forensic Medicine in accordance with regulations, the Hospital will aid in completing forensic examinations and autopsies commissioned by the District Prosecutors Offices. In

order to do so, the Hospital has had to invest even more manpower and resources; however, Former Superintendent Shen and Interim Superintendent Lee remain committed to upholding the Hospital's social responsibility and establishing a precedent for the medical world. They also stated their willingness to assist the Institute of Forensic Medicine, MOJ and the Tainan District Prosecutors Office in undertaking forensic examinations and cultivating forensic talent. These contributions to Taiwan's forensic system enable the Tainan District Prosecutors Office to receive prompt assistance in conducting forensic examinations and autopsies locally. This not only improves the quality of forensic examinations and autopsies in southern Taiwan, but also strengthens forensic education and cultivates forensic talent for Taiwan as a whole.

Deputy Minister Tsai stated that the National Cheng Kung University College of Medicine is a world-class medical university that has cultivated countless talents; moreover, National Cheng Kung University Hospital is one of the leading medical centers in the country. Following Kaohsiung Medical University and China Medical University, National Cheng Kung University Hospital has become the third teaching hospital in the country to have a department of forensic medicine. Doctors in southern Taiwan no longer need to go abroad or attend Institute of Forensic Medicine for training. They can now receive professional training in forensic examination and autopsy in Tainan. This will surely

increase the willingness of doctors to take part in such training, thus cultivating more exceptional forensic personnel for Taiwan. Through collaborations with the pathology departments of various major hospitals, the fields of pathology and forensic medicine will grow and expand together, learning from one another. National Cheng Kung University Hospital's high standards of medical service will comprehensively improve the quality and efficiency of forensic examinations in Taiwan, in accordance with global trends in the forensic systems of developed countries, which marks an important milestone in Taiwan's forensic system.

President Su of National Cheng Kung University expressed how being able to contribute to Taiwan's forensic system has brought great joy to the University. She hoped that under the leadership of her successor, President Shen, National Cheng Kung University Hospital's high-quality medical service will further improve, enhancing the quality of southern Taiwan's forensic examinations and autopsies while promoting forensic medicine education and cultivating Taiwanese forensic talents.

Director Hsu of the Tainan City Public Health Bureau said that Mayor Wei-Che Huang had intended to attend in person, but owing to pressing official business, he asked him to speak on his behalf. A decade ago, Director I-Lin Hsu served as an honorary medical examiner for three years when there was a relative lack of forensic manpower. But now, thanks to the tripartite agreement signed between the Institute of Forensic Medicine, the Taiwan

Tainan District Prosecutors Office, and the Department of Forensic Medicine of National Cheng Kung University Hospital, the manpower and capacity of the domestic forensic system will increase, and thus the quality and efficiency of forensic examinations in Taiwan will improve. This is a highly important milestone in Taiwan's forensic medicine system.

On behalf of the MOJ, Deputy Minister Tsai presented a certificate of appreciation to National Cheng Kung University Hospital for establishing the Department of Forensic Medicine in order to assist in forensic examinations and autopsies, as well as with the training of forensic talent. This marked the start of the tripartite collaboration and a new chapter in Taiwan's forensic examination history.