

Taiwanese Citizen Fined by the Ministry of the Interior for Illegally Serving as Delegate of the National People's Congress

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) issued the following press release regarding the decision to fine a Taiwanese citizen over holding an official post in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Ling Yu-shih is serving as a delegate of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC) of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in violation of Article 33, Section 2 of the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area (hereinafter the "Cross-Strait Act"). The Ministry of the Interior launched an investigation and imposed on Ling a fine of NT\$500,000 on May 11, 2023, in accordance with Article 90, Section 3 of the Cross-Strait Act.

The MAC indicated that the NPC at all levels is considered a political organ (institution) or group of which Taiwanese citizens are prohibited from holding positions or serving as members under Article 33, Section 2 of the Cross-Strait Act. For a long time, the CCP has been creating role models for their united front propaganda against Taiwan. However, these actions are simply futile since they have not only failed to win the recognition of the majority of people in Taiwan but aroused resentment among them.

The CCP has long been suppressing Taiwan with a zero-sum mentality and has refused to renounce the use of force against Taiwan. Moreover, mainland China's political system and social environment differ vastly from the universal standards recognized by Taiwan and other civilized countries. The MAC reminded Taiwanese citizens working and living in mainland China and engaging in cross-strait exchanges that they must comply with laws and regulations to avoid inadvertently falling into the CCP's united front trap. Individuals assuming positions that may endanger our national security or interests could unintentionally break the law and harm their own rights and interests.