

## Enhancing Legal Awareness and Strengthening Understanding of Property, Drunk Driving, and Violent Crimes

### **2025 Legal Education Program by the Keelung District Prosecutors Office**

On April 15, 2025, the Keelung District Prosecutors Office held a legal education session for individuals under deferred prosecution and those under protective supervision. The program featured informative and accessible presentations from Probation Officer Chen Su-Jung, Secretary-General Kao Shu-Chen of the Taiwan Association for Social Concern over Drunk Driving Prevention, and Prosecutor Liu Hsing-Ju, focusing on property crimes, drunk driving prevention, and violent crimes, respectively.

Probation Officer Chen provided a clear explanation of property crimes, elaborating on the definitions and distinctions among theft, snatching, and robbery. She broke down the differences: “Stealing discreetly when someone is unguarded is theft,” “grabbing and fleeing is snatching,” and “using force that renders the victim unable to resist is robbery.” She reminded participants that taking advantage of natural disasters such as earthquakes to enter others’ homes and steal valuables constitutes aggravated theft, urging everyone to understand and comply with the law and to avoid relying on luck.

Secretary-General Kao addressed drunk driving prevention, explaining how alcohol affects drivers—including increased excitement and overconfidence. She debunked common misconceptions such as “I only had one drink,” “I know my limit and won’t overdrink,” and “It should be fine to drive after a while.” She emphasized that alcohol metabolism varies by age, gender, and health status, and that criminal liability for drunk driving may be increased by half depending on the circumstances. She stressed that the safest rule is: “If you drink, don’t drive—so everyone can get home safely.”

Prosecutor Liu spoke about violent crimes, specifically assault offenses, which are categorized into “ordinary injury,” “serious injury,” “injury out of righteous indignation,” and “injury to a direct lineal ascendant.” She explained how the level of intent—direct, indirect, or negligent—affects the classification and sentencing of such crimes. Prosecutor Liu emphasized that knowing the law is important, but doing the right thing is even more critical. Choosing not to engage in wrongdoing is one of the best things one can do for themselves and for society.

This legal education session, led by three experienced speakers using real-life case examples, helped participants understand the boundaries of the law, dispel misconceptions, and clarify legal gray areas. It is hoped that participants will become more vigilant and choose a lawful, sober, and safe way of living, contributing to a society free from violence and drunk driving.