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Community Service from Keelung Prosecutors Office Assists Elderly Living Alone in Home Cleanup, Delivering Warmth and Humane in the Judicial System

As the Lunar New Year—a time traditionally associated with family reunions and celebration—approached, not everyone was fortunate enough to enjoy its warmth. Mr. "Xiao Zhang" (alias), a 70-year-old resident of Keelung City's Anle District, has lived in solitude for over three decades, without contact from any relatives or friends and relying solely on government assistance for his livelihood. In recent years, his deteriorating vision due to glaucoma has significantly impaired his mobility. During this past Lunar New Year, the accumulation of household waste in his residence began to produce a strong odor, raising concerns among neighbors.

In response, Ms. Tsai Chiou-Lin, Chairperson of the Tachuangkuan Community Development Association, proposed a special community service initiative to the Keelung District Prosecutors Office, aiming to assist elderly individuals living alone with home sanitation support.

Under the leadership of Chief Prosecutor Ko Yi-Fen, who has been actively promoting a compassionate and gentle judicial environment, the Keelung District Prosecutors Office encourages community service that meaningfully contributes to society while allowing individuals to reflect on and atone for past mistakes. Chief Prosecutor Ko emphasized that providing care during the holidays carries particular significance, as it enables vulnerable individuals to experience social warmth and helps foster a more inclusive and harmonious community.

Mr. Xiao Zhang, who resides within the Tachuangkuan Community, suffers from poverty, illness, and isolation. Neighborhood representative Ms. Chen Wei-Ju noted that while local residents were aware of the dire condition of his home, they lacked the resources and manpower to provide assistance. Recognizing the urgent need, on February 5, 2025, individuals fulfilling community service under the direction of the Keelung District Prosecutors Office assisted Mr. Xiao Zhang in thoroughly cleaning his residence. The once cluttered and unsanitary environment was restored to a livable condition, and Mr. Xiao Zhang expressed heartfelt appreciation for the support.

Chief Prosecutor Ko, accompanied by Chief Probation Officer Ms. Hsu Yu-Ting and Mr. Huang Chung-Hsien, Chairman of the Keelung City Honorary Probation Officers Association, personally visited Mr. Xiao Zhang to offer their regards and deliver daily necessities. Chief Prosecutor Ko commended the efforts of the community service participants, underscoring how the judicial system can extend its warmth and humanity into the broader community through tangible acts of care.