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Taipei Branch Assists in Seizing Criminal Proceeds: Successful Auction of 4 Designer Bags and 1 Antique Trunk in the im.B Case

To effectively seized criminal proceeds, sever criminals' sources of profit and eliminate the incentives for illegal activities, the Taipei Branch, Administrative Enforcement Agency, Ministry of Justice conducted an auction today (28th) at 2:30 p.m. in the conference room on the 2nd floor of the Zhongbei Office and Zhongnan Office of the National Tax Bureau, Ministry of Finance. In the auction, there were 8 Hermès designer handbags and 1 vintage Louis Vuitton trunk, all belonging to the defendants surnamed Tseng and Chang, who are involved in an ongoing investigation. The auction concluded successfully, with the four Hermès handbags and the Louis Vuitton trunk being sold for a remarkable total of NT\$2.83 million.

A total of 9 high-value items were put up in this auction, attracting a remarkable turnout of 30 bidding groups. The enthusiasm among buyers was evident, with even renowned YouTubers present at the event, placing their bids. Amidst the competitive bidding, the Hermès briefcase, Birkin handbag, CITYNEWS series crossbody bag, and pig nose bag were successfully auctioned at prices of NT\$100,000, NT\$360,000, NT\$225,000, and NT\$800,000, respectively. However, it was the vintage Louis Vuitton trunk that witnessed intense bidding competition. The bidding opened at an astounding NT\$500,000, swiftly followed by a series of 34 bids from multiple participants. Ultimately, the trunk was sold for a remarkable price of NT\$1,345,000. The successful bidders will be able to receive their purchased items upon completing the payment process. The funds collected from these successful transactions, along with the remaining unsold luxury handbags, will be returned to the Taipei District Prosecutors Office for further disposition.

To foster the effective enforcement of criminal confiscation, the Taipei District Prosecutors Office and the Taipei Branch of the Administrative Enforcement Agency joined forces to handle matters pertaining to the sales of seized properties during an investigation stipulated in Article 141 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as well as the sales, distributions and payments stipulated in Article 473, Paragraph 1, in accordance with the “Enforcement Rules Governing Collaboration between

Prosecutorial Agencies and Administrative Enforcement Agencies in Entrusted Business.” In this case, the Taipei District Prosecutors Office entrusted the Taipei Branch in mid-June to handle the properties for the auction. Thanks to the branch’s swift enforcement, the entire sales process was successfully completed in an impressive three-week timeframe. This exceptional enforcement efficiency not only showcases the agencies’ outstanding performance but also strengthens the nation’s ability to effectively combat crime.



The attendees browse through the auction items



The attendees engage in bidding for the auction items



The auctioneer declares the successful auctioning of the vintage
Louis Vuitton trunk