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Your peace of mind with my assistance to keep the home and campus clean

AAC to back you up at the frontline in fighting the epidemic for your peace of mind

The severe special contagious pneumonia (known as “COVID-19”) has attracted most of the attention worldwide. In response, Taiwan has coordinated related preventive works through the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC). Medical professionals at the frontline will intensify their efforts in preventing the epidemic. Domestic firms are also enthusiastically engaged in the production of the materials for the prevention of the disease (such as face mask, forehead thermometer and medical use alcohol) for the public. In light of the experience of epidemic infections of the past, the Agency Against Corruption (AAC) asked related ethics offices to urge related agencies to pay close attention to the process of distribution and allocation of the materials to ensure no stockpiling and making them accessible to the needy. This will be necessary for avoiding contentions.

The Executive Yuan has compiled the “Manual for the Management of Materials” providing the guidelines for the release of materials pertinent to the prevention of the epidemic. It is specified in point 18 and point 36 of the Manual that related functional units for managing the materials should register on all the items received and referred the materials to custody or directly to the users with signing for confirmation of receipt and proper registration at the common witness and confirmation of related functional units. Further, AAC also urges pertinent ethics offices to play the role of “Urging, Reminding, Caring and Assisting” to remind agencies, schools and other institutions to duly observe applicable legal rules and develop the mechanisms of registration before releasing the materials. Information transparency should be ensured in the course of release so that the public will know how to obtain the materials. The release of materials should be tracked on record in the afterwards for clarification and mitigation of the anxiety of the people, to show the flow of the materials and to avoid possible disputes. Those who are found guilty of inappropriate interception and stockpiling of materials for fighting the epidemic will be liable to punishment by law.

“Integrity” is a universal value in the international community and all sectors at home and abroad. Integrity is indeed an integral part of our daily lives. AAC hopes to ensure the peace of mind of the medical professionals at the frontline in performing their duties of fighting the epidemic through the 3-step procedure of “reminding,

managing, reviewing” so that the public could enjoy perfect public service and fair allocation of materials.