

Taipei Branch ensures the rights and interests of Niusnews' workers through law enforcement

Niusnews Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as Niusnews), run by surnamed Wang (person in charge), is a well-known online news entity that provides a variety of women's life information. However, it failed to pay national health insurance premiums, labor insurance premiums, labor pensions and fines of more than NT\$ 14.93 million for violating the Labor Standards Act and the People with Disabilities Rights Protection Act. Since 2016, relevant cases have been transferred from the Taipei Division, National Health Insurance Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Bureau of Labor Insurance, Ministry of Labor, the Department of Labor, Taipei City Government and the Taipei City Foreign and Disabled Labor Office to the Taipei Branch, Administrative Enforcement Agency, Ministry of Justice. With

the efforts of the Taipei Branch to trace sources of funds of Niusnews and enforce the laws, the aforementioned sums have been recovered in July 2022.

After accepting the cases, the Taipei Branch has started to enforce against Niusnews' deposit financial claims and against Niusnews' monetary claims against a third party; however, more than NT\$ 12 million remained unpaid. Given the fact that Niusnews (the debtor) is still in business and should have sources of funds to maintain its operations, the Taipei Branch continued to actively track down the financial situation of the company through various channels. At the beginning of 2022, the Taipei Branch was aware that Niusnews had recently obtained funds from other businesses and its deposits had increased by more than NT\$ 8.5 million. Therefore, the Taipei Branch immediately enforced against Niusnews' deposit the aforesaid financial claims.

The person in charge (surnamed Wang) of Niusnews was appalled by the determination of the Taipei Branch to enforce the laws expeditiously and immediately expressed his willingness to repay

over NT\$ 3.8 million worth of debts in installments. Considering that it's a difficult time for businesses amid the pandemic and the spirit of public welfare and caring, the Taipei Branch agreed to the company's request for installments; however, Niusnews failed to pay the first installment on time as agreed. Hence, the Taipei Branch immediately enforced against Niusnews' deposit financial claim again and finally completed the enforcement concerning all of the company's overdue payments.

The Taipei Branch urges that employers should pay labor insurance premiums, national health insurance premiums and labor pensions that should be appropriated by employers on time to ensure the basic rights and interests of laborers; otherwise, the case will be transferred by the competent authorities to various branches of the Administrative Enforcement Agency for law enforcement. If a company receives the enforcement letters from a branch, they should deal with it actively and properly; if they are unable to pay all the fees at one time, they should contact the branch of the Administrative Enforcement Agency for applying

for an installment payment plan. Should they fail to do so, their cars, deposits and real estate will be seized by the branch through law enforcement, which isn't worth the effort.



Niusnews is a well-known online news entity that provides a variety of women's life information. However, it failed to pay employees' national health insurance premiums and labor insurance premiums for more than ten million. (Source: Internet)