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AEA Invited Experts from the MJIB to Talk about “Cognitive Warfare”

The Administrative Enforcement Agency (AEA) held the “17th Session of Administrative Enforcement Officer Training Program” on March 14, 2024 (Thursday), in which the Researcher Wen-Pin Liu from the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau (MJIB) was invited to give a course on the “CCP's Cognitive Warfare against Taiwan and Countermeasures” to provide in-depth analysis of the CCP's various cognitive warfare actions against Taiwan, and expect to enable all AEA staff to deepen their understanding of cognitive warfare and improve their self-prevention capabilities.

Researcher Liu has served in MJIB for more than 40 years, whose work experience covered fundamental positions to the unit head, specialist, section chief, senior specialist, deputy director, and director and the major works were closely related to mainland China and the cross-strait situation. In addition to rich and complete practical working experience, Researcher Liu has also published dozens of academic papers and several books, and can be said to be the person who understands the CCP best. During the course, Researcher Liu stated that cognitive warfare is the sixth warfare domain field after the five ones that NATO currently recognizes, including land, sea, air, space and cyberspace. For example, the CCP frequently generates fake news in an attempt to influence public opinion in Taiwan, incite public sentiment, and create social unrest and conflict. Therefore, countering cognitive warfare and ensuring national security are important issues that Taiwan should take seriously. Researcher Liu proposed four steps in launching cognitive warfare: writing distorted information, producing image macros and memes to create stereotypes among the general public, making comments to influence the trend, and creating a large number of robot accounts to upload and spread

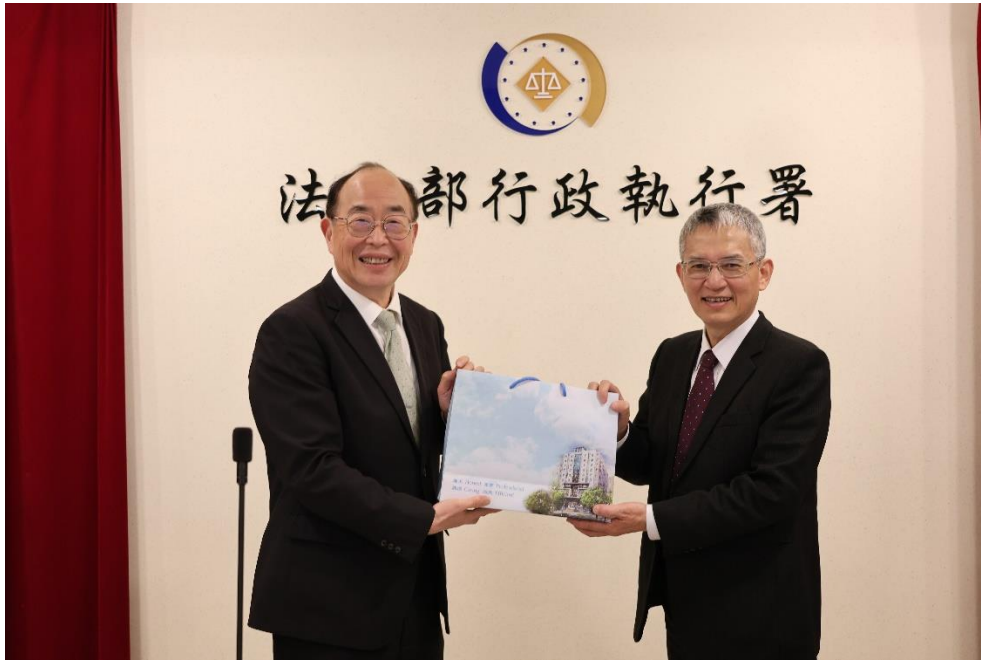
such fake news. With the above four steps, we can trace the source of attackers and master the nodes, quickly break the trust of each node, use nodes friendly to Taiwan to spread information that is beneficial for Taiwan and make good use of AI technology in the future to pay equal attention to offense and defense to effectively counter cognitive warfare attacks. In addition, Researcher Liu cited several actual cases of fake news and communicated and interacted with AEA staff to analyze such cases in a humorous and lively manner to deepen the understanding of cognitive warfare and improve the ability to distinguish true information from fake ones.

Last but not least, Director-General Huang, on behalf of all colleagues, thanked Researcher Liu for the solid and wonderful lecture, which gave everybody a deeper understanding of cognitive warfare. Since scam syndicates have been rampant in recent years, the general public has become more alert and guarded against fake news and strengthened the defense capabilities of “distinguishing falsehoods”. Therefore, it is expected that AEA staff can also improve their self-protection capabilities, effectively block the threat of cognitive warfare, make Taiwanese society safer and more stable, and safeguard the values of democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law.



(Researcher Wen-Pin Liu from the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau gave

a speech at AEA)



(Director-General Huang personally presented a souvenir to Researcher Wen-Pin Liu)