The Public Prosecutions Office has retrieved over HK$80,000,000 for the Macao SAR in the case of Ao Man Long

In 2009, the Public Prosecutions Office successfully retrieved a total of about HK$360,000,000 of illegal deposits from several bank accounts in Hong Kong in the names of individuals or companies of the former Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Ao Man Long and his relatives. Under the cooperation with the judicial departments and law enforcement departments of the districts beyond Macao like Hong Kong, the Office has recently successfully retrieved the remaining amount of over HK$80,000,000 of illegal assets of Ao Man Long in Hong Kong. The above amount was totally deposited in accounts of Macao SAR on 5th this month.

The former Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Ao Man Long was sentenced guilty by the Court of Final Appeal in January 2008 due to committing the crimes of taking bribes, money laundering and property from unidentified sources. He was sentenced to 28.5 years of imprisonment and the related illegal assets were confiscated.

Under the endeavors of the Macao SAR and the Public Prosecutions Office, the local judicial departments and law enforcement departments have adopted various feasible approaches to freeze and retrieve the illegal assets of Ao Man Long, which had been distributed in the districts beyond Macao, in accordance with the current law. Although the above work was supported and assisted by the judicial departments and law enforcements departments of the districts beyond Macao, there are many obstacles to overcome in terms of law enforcement as a result of different legal systems.

After many years of intensive contact and coordination with the related authorities of Hong Kong and the districts beyond Macao, the Public Prosecutions Office has successfully retrieved the remaining amount of over HK$80,000,000 of illegal assets of Ao Man Long in Hong Kong again. The related amount was totally deposited in accounts of Macao SAR on 5th this month. The Public Prosecutions Office has done the best endeavor to fulfill its responsibility.