



### **TAIWAN LABOR COUNCIL WARNS EMPLOYERS OF FOREIGN WORKERS AGAINST WITHHOLDING OF PASSPORTS**

The Taiwan Council of Labor Affairs (CLA) recently announced that employers of foreign workers will face heavy fines if they withhold passports and other identity documents belonging to their employees under the Employment Services Act which took effect in May 2006.

The CLA will now strictly implement the Employment Services Act which provides that employers who refuse to return the passports, Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) or other documents to foreign workers will be fined NT\$60,000 to NT\$300,000 and have their foreign employee quota voided. The law also stipulated that employers are allowed to keep foreign workers' passports, ARCs or other properties only with their approval.

The CLA has decided to use stricter measures because of reports that incidents of withholding of documents are on the rise.