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Status of Consideration Regarding Civil Lawsuits and Criminal Complaints Against a Former Employee Involved in Monetary Receipt Cases

On June 12 last year, the university held a press conference following the receipt of the report from the third-party investigation committee concerning the case of a former employee receiving money. At that time, President Karin Markides responded to a reporter's question by stating that the university was considering the possibility of filing a criminal complaint against the former employee. We hereby inform you of the university's deliberations to date.

The report by the third-party investigation committee states: "there was no room for Company B(※1) to pad contract amounts based on the fund provision to A(※2)," and "C(※3) explained that he had had trouble raising the funds while there was a small profit margin, and there is no indication that contract amounts were unfairly inflated." Given these circumstances, it is difficult to conclude that OIST suffered financial damage related to facility management operations due to the former employee's receipt of money.

Furthermore, we have obtained an opinion from an outside attorney that it would be difficult for OIST to claim damages from the former employee for any other monetarily quantifiable harm suffered as a result of this incident and to file a criminal complaint.

In addition, the questionnaire survey conducted for staff members following the report from the third-party investigation committee did not uncover any facts necessitating criminal charges against former staff members.

Furthermore, OIST has not obtained sufficient grounds to file a civil lawsuit or criminal complaint against the former employee for misappropriation of company funds or other crimes.

Therefore, OIST has determined that it is difficult to file a civil lawsuit or criminal complaint against the former employee at this time.

(※1) Company B is the contractor responsible for facility management at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University

(※2) A is the individual who received the money

(※3) C is a former director of Company B