Oversight Approaches in China

- Oversight Offices inside the Public Security Organs
- Supervision Agency sent by the Supervision Bureau
- Invited Supervisors to the Public Security Organs
- Malpractice Investigation Unit of Prosecution Office
- Investigation supervision Unit of Prosecution Office
- supervision from press and society



Oversight Offices inside PSO

Police chief

Vice PC

Other PCs

Complain Office

Auditing Office

Disciplinary Commission
Of the Communist Party

Inspection Office



Supervision Agency sent by Supervision Bureau

- ■Supervision Bureau
- •A national supervision organ at each level of government
- •To supervise activities of the government organs (including police)
- ■Supervision Agency sent to PSO
- •An supervision agency located at each PSO but responsible to the Supervision Bureau

(Note: only the agency head is sent by the Supervision Bureau, staff are all policemen in the host PSO).

Invited Supervisors to PSO

Qualification

- No criminal record
- Sense of fairness and justice
- Good at listing and expressing opinions from the public
- Healthy, under 60 years old

Duties

- Supervise the police activities
- Express public opinions and complaints about police activities
- Convey suggestions and requests of the public



Malpractice Investigation Unit of Prosecution Office

- To investigate crimes by the State functionaries (including police)
- Embezzlement and bribery
- Dereliction of duty
- Violations of human rights by taking advantage of power
- To send cases to the Prosecution Unit for prosecution decisions



Investigation Supervision Unit of Prosecution Office

- To supervise police activities in criminal procedure
- Filing a case
- Investigation activities
- Case withdrawal
- Judgment enforcement
- No power to punish the police
- Give suggestions to PSO
- Refer to Malpractice Unit if already a crime



- Any civilian oversight agencies in China?
- Any oversights of civilian nature in China?
 - Supervision Agency?
 - Some units of the Prosecution Office?
 - Invited Supervisors?



More oversight methods to oversight police in China nowadays

- 24/7 hotline for public complaints
- Online complaints service
- Open-door activity by all PSOs
- Regular visit and supervision to jails by the society (recently reform)



- Any possible ways to build up civilian oversight agencies in China?
- All staff of the Supervision Agency should be sent by the Supervision Bureau
- Complaint Office and Inspection Office should be separated from PSO





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