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## **TAIWAN INTERNET SERVICE EZPEER SHUT DOWN FOLLOWING POLICE ANTI-PIRACY RAID**

### ***MPA Investigation Leads to CIB Raid; Servers Seized, Two Arrested***

Taipei, Hong Kong – On November 15, officers from Taiwan’s Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB), with support from the Foundation for the Protection of Film and Video Works (FVWP), representing the Motion Picture Association (MPA), raided four premises, including an Internet service provider (ISP), linked to the ezPeer and [www.heymovie.com](http://www.heymovie.com) websites. The residences of seven individual users suspected of downloading pirate movies via the websites were also raided.

As a result of the raids, four servers that were believed to be facilitating the illegal distribution of pirated movies by the websites were seized from an ISP connected with ezPeer. The site administrator of [www.heymovie.com](http://www.heymovie.com) was arrested on suspicion of facilitating the illegal distribution of pirated movies and one individual user was also arrested on suspicion of unauthorized uploading and reproduction of pirated movies.

The raids followed extensive investigations into the activities of ezPeer and [www.heymovie.com](http://www.heymovie.com). As a result of the investigations it became clear that ezPeer was providing its users with links to [www.heymovie.com](http://www.heymovie.com), from which they could access pirated movies. Investigations by the CIB confirmed the links between ezPeer and [www.heymovie.com](http://www.heymovie.com), revealing that the site administrator of [www.heymovie.com](http://www.heymovie.com) is an ezPeer employee.

As a result of the raids and the seizures of the servers, both the Ezpeer and [www.heymovie.com](http://www.heymovie.com) websites have been shut down.

“For years ezPeer has facilitated the unauthorized online distribution of MPA member company movies, which threatens the development of Taiwan’s creative industries, threatens Taiwan’s relations with its trading partners, and sends a very unfortunate message to the Taiwanese people,” said Mike Ellis, Senior Vice President and Regional Director, Asia-Pacific for the Motion Picture Association.

“We applaud the hard work of Taiwan’s law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies in protecting intellectual property rights.”

### ***Piracy in Asia***

A comprehensive study aimed at producing a more accurate picture of the impact that piracy has on the film industry including, for the first time, losses due to internet piracy, recently calculated that the MPA studios lost US\$6.1 billion to worldwide piracy in 2005. About US\$2.4 billion was lost to bootlegging\*, US\$1.4 billion to illegal copying\* and US\$2.3 billion to Internet piracy. Of the US\$6.1 billion in lost revenue to the studios, approximate \$1.2 billion came from piracy across the Asia-Pacific region, while piracy in the U.S. accounted for \$1.3 billion.

In 2005, the MPA’s operations in the Asia-Pacific region investigated more than 34,000 cases of piracy and assisted law enforcement officials in conducting more than 10,500 raids. These activities resulted in the seizure of more than 34 million illegal optical discs, 55 factory optical disc production lines and 3,362 optical disc burners, as well as the initiation of more than 8,000 legal actions.

*\*Bootlegging: Obtaining movies by either purchasing an illegally copied HS/DVD/VCD or acquiring hard copies of bootleg movies.*

*\*Illegal copying: Making illegal copies for self or receiving illegal copies from friends of a legitimate VHS/DVD/VCD*

*\*Internet piracy: Obtaining movies by either downloading them from the Internet without paying or acquiring hard copies of illegally downloaded movies from friends or family.*

***About the MPA:*** *The Motion Picture Association (MPA) represents the interests of major motion picture companies in the global marketplace. On behalf of its member companies, the MPA conducts investigations around the world, assists with the criminal and civil litigation generated by such cases, and conducts education outreach programs to teach movie fans around the world about the harmful effects of piracy. The MPA directs its worldwide anti-piracy operations from its headquarters based in Los Angeles, California and has regional offices located in Brussels (Europe, Middle East and Africa), São Paulo (Latin America), Montreal (Canada) and Singapore (Asia-Pacific). The MPA’s anti-piracy activities have helped to transform entire markets from pirate to legitimate, benefiting video distributors, retailers, and foreign and local filmmakers alike. The MPA member companies include: Buena Vista International, Inc.; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Releasing International Corporation; Twentieth Century Fox International Corporation; Universal International Films, Inc.; and Warner Bros. Pictures International, a division of Warner Bros. Pictures Inc.*

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