

**Press Release**

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**Ex-listed company's chairperson faces court for allegedly interfering with witness in share manipulation trial**

The former chairperson of publicly listed Shanghai Merchants Holdings Limited, awaiting trial in connection with suspected share manipulation, faced an additional charge of perverting the course of justice by seeking to interfere with a prosecution witness.

Mo Yuk-ping, 43, charged by the ICAC, appeared before the Eastern Magistracy this (Monday) morning on one count of doing an act (acts) tending and intended to pervert the course of public justice.

Magistrate Mr Ian Candy adjourned the case until June 28, 2005, pending transfer to District Court. The defendant was granted cash bail of \$10,000.

The charge alleged that between July 1 and November 6, 2003, Mo, with intent to pervert the course of public justice, had done an act (a series of acts) which had a tendency to pervert the course of public justice.

Mo was alleged to have sought to have a person induce another to make a false statement to the ICAC.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Richard Turnbull, assisted by ICAC officer Kenny Wong.