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Trio charged with \$2.2m HKJC souvenir purchase orders fraud

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A former manager of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) and two directors of a printing and production company have been charged by the ICAC with conspiracy to defraud the HKJC of over \$2.2 million worth of souvenir purchase orders in relation to the celebration of its 130th Anniversary.

Yim Sze-sum, 38, former manager of the HKJC; Carl Wong Chow, 57, and his daughter Cecilia Wong Chi-yun, 32, both directors and shareholders of Empire Printing & Production Specialist Limited (EPP), who were charged last Friday (July 7), face a joint charge of conspiracy to defraud, contrary to Common Law.

The defendants will appear in the Eastern Magistracy tomorrow (July 11) for transfer of the case to the District Court for plea.

The case arose from a corruption complaint. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above alleged offence.

At the material time, Yim was the manager of the creative services team of the HKJC. In January 2014, the creative services team was tasked to design and oversee the production of souvenirs for the forthcoming celebration of the 130th Anniversary of the HKJC.

Carl Wong and Cecilia Wong were both directors and shareholders of EPP, which had been registered with the HKJC as a suitable supplier since 2010.

The charge alleges that between May 1 and September 30, 2014, Yim, Carl Wong and Cecilia Wong conspired together to defraud staff members of the HKJC by dishonestly:

- causing and inducing the staff members of the HKJC to register two other companies as the suppliers of the HKJC;
- concealing that Cecilia Wong was a director and shareholder of EPP;
- concealing that Carl Wong was the father of Cecilia Wong and that EPP and the two other companies were all subject to the control of Carl Wong;
- arranging and procuring by Yim that EPP and the two other companies competed in four procurement

tender exercises conducted by the HKJC in preparation for the celebration of its 130th Anniversary; and

- causing and inducing the staff members of the HKJC to award five souvenir purchase orders to EPP and part with a total sum of over \$2.2 million being the aggregate contract price of those purchase orders.

The HKJC has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The defendants have been released on ICAC bail, pending their court appearance tomorrow.

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新聞公佈

廉署起訴三人疑涉二百二十萬元馬會紀念品購貨訂單詐騙案

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廉政公署落案起訴一名香港賽馬會(馬會)前經理及兩名印刷製作公司董事, 控告他們涉嫌就馬會一百三十週年紀念慶賀, 串謀詐騙馬會總值逾二百二十萬元的紀念品購貨訂單。

嚴仕芯, 三十八歲, 馬會前經理; 黃胄, 五十七歲, 及其女兒黃芷茵, 三十二歲, 同為皇朝印刷製作有限公司(皇朝)董事及股東, 上星期五(七月七日)同被控一項串謀詐騙罪名, 違反普通法。

各被告將於明日(七月十一日)在東區裁判法院應訊, 以待案件轉介區域法院答辯。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴, 調查其後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

嚴仕芯於案發時為馬會創作事務組經理。該小組於二〇一四年一月獲委派為即將舉行的馬會一百三十週年紀念慶賀設計及監督製作紀念品。

黃胄及黃芷茵同為皇朝的董事兼股東, 皇朝自二〇一〇年起註冊為馬會的合適供應商。

控罪指嚴仕芯、黃胄及黃芷茵涉嫌於二〇一四年五月一日至九月三十日期間, 一同串謀詐騙馬會職員, 即不誠實地:

- 促使和誘使馬會有關職員將另外兩間公司註冊為馬會供應商;
- 隱瞞黃芷茵是皇朝的董事及股東;
- 隱瞞黃胄是黃芷茵的父親, 以及皇朝及該另外兩間公司均由黃胄控制;
- 由嚴仕芯安排及促致皇朝及該另外兩間公司在馬會為籌備慶賀一百三十週年紀念而進行的四項採購投標方案中參與競投; 及
- 促使和誘使馬會有關職員將五張紀念品購貨訂單判給皇朝, 並交出總額逾二百二十萬元的款項, 而有關款額為五張購貨訂單的總合約價格。

馬會在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

各被告已獲廉署准予保釋, 以待明天應訊。

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