

Duo in court for alleged gifts-for-preferential treatment scam

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The principal of a kindergarten and a parent of its pupil appeared in the Kowloon City Magistracy today (Thursday) after being charged by the ICAC with accepting and inciting teachers to accept gifts from the parent over preferential treatment to her son at the kindergarten, and offering those gifts to the principal and the teachers respectively.

Li Ling-sau, 44, principal of Victoria (Harbour Green) Kindergarten (VHG), who was charged on Tuesday (October 7), faced two counts of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(b) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO); and one of inciting agents to accept an advantage, contrary to Common Law and Section 9(1)(b) of the POBO.

Also charged on Tuesday was Wong Wing, 39, mother of a pupil of VHG, who faced four counts of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(b) of the POBO.

Li and Wong today pleaded not guilty to their respective charges. Magistrate Mr Eric Cheung Kwan-ming adjourned the case to December 4 this year for a pre-trial review.

At the material time, Li was the principal of VHG - one of the kindergartens operated by Victoria Education Organisation (VEO) in Tai Kok Tsui. Among pupils of VHG was the son of Wong.

One of the charges alleged that Wong offered a jacket to Li as a reward for arranging preferential treatment for the son of Wong at VHG.

Two other charges alleged Li of accepting the jacket and a scarf from Wong for the same purpose.

Three other charges alleged Wong of offering a purse to each of three then teachers of VHG as rewards for arranging preferential treatment for the son of Wong at VHG.

The remaining charge alleged that Li unlawfully incited the then teachers to accept those purses from Wong respectively for the same purpose.

The above alleged advantages, namely gifts including a jacket, a scarf and three purses, were said to amount to about \$15,000.

The alleged bribery offences took place between December 2012 and May 2013.

Li and Wong were granted cash bail of \$10,000 and \$20,000 respectively.

VEO had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Lily Kam.

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廉署起訴幼稚園校長及家長涉嫌受賄行賄今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名幼稚園校長及一名學生家長，控告她們涉嫌分別收受及煽惑教師收受該家長送贈的禮物，以安排有關學生在該幼稚園獲優待，及向該校長及相關老師送贈該些禮物。兩名被告今日(星期四)在九龍城裁判法院應訊。

李凌秀，四十四歲，維多利亞(君匯港)幼稚園校長，於星期二(十月七日)被控三項罪名，即兩控代理人接受利益，涉嫌違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(b)條；及一項煽惑代理人接受利益，涉嫌違反普通法及《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(b)條。

同於星期二被起訴的汪穎，三十九歲，維多利亞(君匯港)幼稚園一名學生的母親，則被控四項向代理人提供利益罪名，涉嫌違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(b)條。

李及汪今日否認控罪。裁判官張君銘將案件押後至本年十二月四日進行預審。

李於案發時為維多利亞(君匯港)幼稚園的校長。該幼稚園位於大角咀，是其中一間由維多利亞教育機構營運的幼稚園，而汪的兒子是該幼稚園的學生。

其中一項控罪指汪涉嫌向李提供一件外套，作為換取汪的兒子在維多利亞(君匯港)幼稚園獲得優待的報酬。

另外兩項控罪指李涉嫌以相同目的收取汪該件外套及一條圍巾。

另外三項控罪指汪涉嫌向三名當時任職維多利亞(君匯港)幼稚園的教師各提供一個銀包，作為換取汪的兒子在該幼稚園獲得優待的報酬。

餘下控罪指李涉嫌非法煽惑該等教師以同樣目的分別收取汪的銀包。

涉案的利益，即包括一件外套、一條圍巾及三個銀包等禮物，據報總值約一萬五千元。

上述涉嫌貪污罪行於二〇一二年十二月至二〇一三年五月期間發生。

李及汪分別獲准以現金一萬元及兩萬元保釋。

維多利亞教育機構在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員甘俐麗代表出庭。

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