

Sales manager penalized for obtaining Jockey
Club membership services by deception

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A sales manager, charged by the ICAC, was today (Thursday) sentenced at Eastern Magistracy for obtaining the services of membership from the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) by deception.

Lau Pui-fai, 49, was fined \$60,000 by Magistrate Mr William Lam Kui-po after being found guilty of one count of obtaining services by deception.

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

The court heard that in late June 2006, the defendant submitted to HKJC a Racing Member application form proposed by a voting member of HKJC and seconded by another voting member of HKJC.

The defendant made a declaration in his application that he agreed to ensure that the details given in the application were true in all respects. His application was approved in October 2006.

Having been arrested by the ICAC in December 2006, the defendant, when interviewed under caution, admitted that he had met the voting member of HKJC who proposed his application only once in his office in mid June 2006 through a middleman.

The defendant also admitted that the information in his application claiming that the voting member concerned had known him for three years was not true, the court was told.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Ada Chan, assisted by ICAC officer Phoebe Saesam.