

KPMG senior manager faces additional bribery charge over Hontex's global offering

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A senior manager of KPMG, earlier charged by the ICAC with offering a bribe to his subordinate in relation to the global offering of Hontex International Holdings Company Limited (Hontex), was laid with an additional bribery charge when he appeared in Eastern Magistracy today (Friday).

Leung Sze-chit, 32, faced an additional charge of accepting an advantage as an agent, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO).

No plea was taken. The presiding Magistrate, Ms Bina Chainrai, adjourned the case until May 28, 2010, pending transfer to the District Court.

The additional charge alleged that on February 20, 2010, the defendant accepted from another person \$300,000 as a reward for preparing the accountant's report in the prospectus for the global offering of Hontex.

The defendant was earlier charged with one count of offering \$100,000 to an employee of KPMG on the same day, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the POBO.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Caroline Yu.