

## Duo in bribes-for-jobseekers' information scam jailed

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Two former employees of two recruitment agencies, who were charged by the ICAC, were today (Tuesday) each sentenced to six months' imprisonment at the Eastern Magistracy for their roles in a \$37,000 bribes-for-jobseekers' information scam.

Hang Ning, 37, a former principal consultant of Global Executive Consultants Limited (GECL), and Chau Ka-yin, 34, a former consultant of GS Consultants Limited (GSCL), were earlier found guilty of four joint charges of conspiracy for an agent to accept advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

Hang was also ordered by Magistrate Lee Siu-ho to pay \$37,480 as restitution to GECL.

Upon the defendants' applications, the magistrate granted them cash bail of \$30,000 each, pending their appeals. They were also ordered not to leave Hong Kong and not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

The court heard that at the material time, Hang was a principal consultant of GECL, a recruitment agency providing head-hunting services for corporations and job referral services for job candidates.

Chau came to know Hang when she was employed by GECL as a principal consultant between December 2009 and July 2012. In April 2013, Chau joined GSCL, another recruitment agency engaged by Citibank (Hong Kong) Limited (Citibank) to provide the bank with head-hunting services.

The court heard that between March 14 and July 11, 2013, five job candidates engaged GECL to seek jobs and passed their curriculum vitae to Hang.

The personal particulars of those candidates could be found in the database of GECL, but they were approached by Chau in the capacity of an agent of GSCL between May and June 2013.

Chau offered to refer those candidates to Citibank, and arranged for them to attend job interviews with the bank. The candidates were eventually employed by the bank as its staff.

As a result of these referrals, GSCL received service fees totalling \$125,100 from Citibank. Out of these service fees, \$37,480 were deposited by Chau into the account of Hang, the court was told.

GECL and Citibank had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by prosecuting counsel Stephen Fong, assisted by ICAC officer Alex Yam.

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## 兩人貪污賄賂以泄露求職者資料各判囚六個月

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兩間招聘公司的兩名前職員，串謀使其中一名前職員收受三萬七千元以泄露求職者資料，早前被廉政公署拘控。兩名被告今日(星期二)在東區裁判法院各被判入獄六個月。

被告為幸寧，三十七歲，Global Executive Consultants Limited (GECL) 前首席顧問，及周嘉賢，三十四歲，GS Consultants Limited (GSCL) 前顧問，早前同被裁定四項串謀使代理人接受利益罪名成立，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條。

幸另被裁判官李紹豪命令須向GECL歸還三萬七千四百八十元作為賠償。

裁判官應兩名被告的申請，准許他們各以現金三萬元保釋外出等候上訴。他們亦受命不准離開香港及不得騷擾控方證人。

案情透露，幸於案發時是招聘公司GECL的首席顧問，該公司向企業提供「獵頭」服務，並向求職者提供職位轉介服務。

周於二〇〇九年十二月至二〇一二年七月期間獲GECL受僱為首席顧問，因而認識幸。周於二〇一三年四月轉投另一間招聘公司GSCL，該公司為花旗銀行(香港)有限公司(花旗)提供「獵頭」服務。

案情透露，五名求職者二〇一三年三月十四日至七月十一日期間委託GECL求職，並把其個人履歷資料交予幸。

該等求職者的個人資料可見於GECL的資料庫，惟周以GSCL代表的身分於二〇一三年五至六月間聯絡他們。

周建議介紹有關求職者予花旗，並為他們安排與該銀行的求職面試。該等求職者最終獲該銀行聘用為員工。

GSCL因轉介該等求職者而獲花旗支付服務費共十二萬五千一百元。周從中將三萬七千四百八十元存入幸的銀行戶口。

GECL及花旗在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由大律師方漢權代表出庭，並由廉署人員任智樂協助。

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