

Inspector of EMSD in court over bribes-for-favourable testimonial

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An Air-conditioning Inspector of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) appeared in the Kwun Tong Magistracy today (Tuesday) after being charged by the ICAC with soliciting and accepting bribes from a technician trainee for writing him a favourable testimonial.

Poon Wai-hung, 42, who was charged last Friday (November 13), faced two charges – one of public servant soliciting an advantage and one of public servant accepting an advantage, both contrary to Section 4(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges. Principal Magistrate Mr Ernest Lin Kam-hung adjourned the case until December 22 this year for a pre-trial review.

At the material time, the defendant was an Air-conditioning Inspector of the EMSD attached to its Training Unit. His duties included providing on-the-job training to technician trainees and compiling their appraisal reports.

One of the charges alleged that on January 7, 2015, the defendant solicited \$1,000 from a technician trainee as a reward for writing a favourable testimonial for and on behalf of the EMSD in respect of the trainee's work performance, and submitting the testimonial to a local university in connection with the trainee's application for a post in the university.

The other charge alleged that on the same day, the defendant accepted \$500 from the trainee for the same purpose.

The defendant was granted cash bail of \$5,000. He was ordered not to interfere with prosecution witnesses and not to leave Hong Kong.

The EMSD had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Dickson Liang.

廉署起訴機電署督察索賄收賄撰寫有利諮詢表今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名機電工程署(機電署)空氣調節督察，控告他涉嫌向一名見習技術員索取及接受賄款，以撰寫一份對該見習技術員有利的諮詢表。被告今日(星期二)在觀塘裁判法院應訊。

潘偉雄，四十二歲，於上星期五(十一月十三日)被控兩項罪名，即一項公職人員索取利益及一項公職人員接受利益，涉嫌違反《防止賄賂條例》第4(2)(a)條。

被告否認控罪。主任裁判官練錦鴻將案件押後至本年十二月二十二日進行預審。

被告於案發時為機電署派駐培訓組的空氣調節督察，職責包括為見習技術員提供在職培訓及撰寫他們的評核報告。

其中一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年一月七日向一名見習技術員索取一千元，作為就該見習技術員的工作表現，為機電署及代機電署撰寫一份有利該見習技術員申請本地一間大學的職位的諮詢表，並向有關大學提交該諮詢表的報酬。

另一項控罪指被告涉嫌以相同目的於同日收取該見習技術員五百元。

被告獲准以現金五千元保釋，並受命不得騷擾控方證人及不准離開香港。

機電署在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員梁永源代表出庭。