

## Company director charged with bribery over certificate of deposit

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A director of a trading company has been charged by the ICAC today (Wednesday) with offering an illegal rebate to an employee of a bank for issuing to his company a certificate of deposit in the purported amount of several hundred million US dollars.

Robert Yeung Hung-to, 46, a director and major shareholder of Blooming Faith International Limited (BFIL), faces one count of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

The defendant will appear in the Eastern Magistracy on Friday (April 1) for plea.

At the material time, the defendant was a director and major shareholder of BFIL, a trading company registered in Hong Kong. He was one of the authorised signatories of an account that BFIL opened with The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC).

The charge alleges that on November 7, 2014, the defendant, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, offered a rebate to an employee of HSBC as a reward for issuing to BFIL a certificate of deposit in the purported amount of several hundred million US dollars.

The illegal rebate was said to amount to two to three per cent of the purported amount of money stated on the certificate of deposit.

The employee of HSBC declined the defendant's offer instantly and later reported the matter to the management of the bank.

HSBC has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The defendant has been released on ICAC bail, pending his court appearance on Friday.

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## 廉署起訴公司董事涉嫌就存款證明 行賄銀行職員

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廉政公署今日(星期三)落案起訴一名貿易公司董事，控告他涉嫌向一名銀行職員提供非法回佣，為其公司發出據稱達數億美元的存款證明。

楊鴻濤，四十六歲，宏烽國際有限公司(宏烽國際)董事兼主要股東，被控一項向代理人提供利益罪名，涉嫌違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條。

被告將於星期五(四月一日)在東區裁判法院答辯。

被告於案發時為宏烽國際的董事兼主要股東，該貿易公司在香港註冊。被告是宏烽國際在香港上海匯豐銀行有限公司(匯豐銀行)開設一個戶口的其中一名授權簽署人。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一四年十一月七日，無合法權限或合理辯解而向匯豐銀行一名職員提供回佣，作為為宏烽國際發出據稱達數億美元的存款證明的報酬。非法回佣據報為存款證明所列據稱款額的百分之二至三。

該名匯豐銀行職員立即拒絕被告的要求，並向銀行管理層匯報有關事件。

匯豐銀行在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待星期五應訊。

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