

Ex-chefs charged with \$200,000 bribes-for-employment

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Three former chefs of a hotel have been charged by the ICAC with soliciting, accepting and offering bribes up to over \$200,000 in relation to the employment of two of the former chefs with the hotel.

Tsang Hung-tak, 58, former Chinese head chef of The Park Lane Hong Kong (The Park Lane), Chan Kei-cheong, 57, former assistant Chinese head chief of The Park Lane, and Sze Hung-wai, 50, former chef de partie of The Park Lane, who were charged yesterday (September 7), face a total of 11 corruption charges.

Tsang alone faces six charges – two of agent soliciting an advantage and four of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO). Chan alone has been charged with four counts of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the POBO, while Sze alone faces one similar offence.

The defendants will appear at the Eastern Magistracy on Friday (September 9) for transfer of the case to the District Court for plea.

At the material time, Tsang was employed by Victoria Park Hotels Limited to work as Chinese head chef of The Park Lane, a hotel in Causeway Bay. Chan and Sze were hired as its assistant Chinese head chef and chef de partie respectively.

One of the charges alleges that on an unknown date between January 1 and June 30, 2006, Tsang solicited \$3,000 per month from Chan as a reward for referring him to work as assistant Chinese head chef with The Park Lane.

Three other charges allege that between July 12, 2006 and January 30, 2015, Tsang accepted \$3,000 per month or \$72,000 in total; \$30,000 and \$50,000 from Chan as rewards for maintaining his gainful employment with The Park Lane.

Four other charges allege that during the same period, Chan offered the above sums of money totalling \$152,000 and another \$30,000 to Tsang for the same purpose.

Meanwhile, another charge alleges that on an unknown date between April 1 and September 2, 2012, Tsang solicited \$1,000 per month from Sze as a reward for referring him to work as chef de partie with The Park Lane.

The other charge alleges that between September 3, 2012 and April 30, 2014, Tsang accepted \$1,000 per month or \$20,000 in total from Sze as rewards for maintaining his gainful employment with The Park Lane.

The remaining charge alleges that during the same period, Sze offered the above sums of money to Tsang for the same purpose.

Victoria Park Hotels Limited has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The defendants have been released on ICAC bail, pending their court appearances on Friday.

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廉署起訴三名酒店前廚師涉嫌就聘任行賄受賄二十萬元

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廉政公署落案起訴三名酒店前廚師，控告他們涉嫌就聘任其中兩人在該酒店工作索取、收受及提供賄款高達逾二十萬元。

曾鴻德，五十八歲，柏寧酒店前中菜總廚，陳其昌，五十七歲，柏寧酒店前助理中菜總廚，及施雄偉，五十歲，柏寧酒店前部門主廚，昨日(九月七日)被控共十一項貪污罪名。

曾鴻德被控六項罪名，即兩項代理人索取利益及四項代理人接受利益，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條。陳其昌被控四項向代理人提供利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(b)條，而施雄偉則被控一項相類罪名。

三名被告將於明日(九月九日)在東區裁判法院應訊，以待案件轉介區域法院答辯。

曾鴻德於案發時獲Victoria Park Hotels Limited聘用為銅鑼灣柏寧酒店的中菜總廚。陳其昌及施雄偉則分別受聘為該酒店助理中菜總廚及部門主廚。

其中一項控罪指曾鴻德涉嫌於二〇〇六年一月一日至六月三十日期間的某日，向陳其昌索取每月三千元，作為介紹他任職柏寧酒店助理中菜總廚的報酬。

另外三項控罪指曾鴻德涉嫌於二〇〇六年七月十二日至二〇一五年一月三十日期間，從陳其昌收取每月三千元或共七萬二千元、三萬元及五萬元，作為維持他在柏寧酒店從事有實質收入工作的報酬。

另外四項控罪指陳其昌涉嫌於同一期間，以相同目的向曾鴻德提供上述多筆共十五萬二千元及另一筆三萬元的賄款。

此外，另一項控罪指曾鴻德涉嫌於二〇一二年四月一日至九月二日期間的某日，向施雄偉索取每月一千元，作為介紹他任職柏寧酒店部門主廚的報酬。

另一項控罪指曾鴻德涉嫌於二〇一二年九月三日至二〇一四年四月三十日期間，從施雄偉收取每月一千元或共二萬元，作為維持他在柏寧酒店從事有實質收入工作的報酬。

餘下控罪指施雄偉涉嫌於同一期間，以相同目的向曾鴻德提供上述多筆賄款。

Victoria Park Hotels Limited在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

各被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待明日應訊。

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