Ex-IO chairman in court over bribes-for-repair works

A former chairman of the incorporated owners (IO) of a residential building appeared in the Kwun Tong Magistracy today (Monday) after being charged by the ICAC with accepting \$23,500 in bribes from a renovation worker in relation to the award of minor repair works.

Li Wai-nam, 65, former IO chairman of Chi Cheong Building (CCB), who was charged last Thursday (October 13), faced one count of agent accepting advantages, contrary to Section 9(1)(b) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge. Principal Magistrate Mr Ernest Lin Kam-hung adjourned the case to November 28 this year for a pre-trial review.

At the material time, the defendant was either the chairman or secretary of the IO of CCB, a residential building in Kwun Tong.

The charge alleged that between December 10, 2006 and January 17, 2015, the defendant accepted from renovation worker Lai Kin-nam bribes, consisting of 50 per cent of the service fees paid to him in respect of minor repair works at CCB conducted by him, as rewards for awarding those works to him. The alleged bribes were said to amount to \$23,500 in total.

The defendant was granted cash bail of \$20,000. He was ordered not to leave Hong Kong, reside at his reported address, and not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

The IO of CCB had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Andrew Ho.

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廉署起訴法團前主席涉嫌受賄批出 小型修葺工程今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名住宅樓宇業主立案法團(法團)前主席,控告他涉嫌收受共二萬三千五百元賄款, 以批出小型修葺工程予一名裝修工人。被告今日(星期一)在觀塘裁判法院應訊。

李惠南,六十五歲,致昌大廈前法團主席,上星期四(十月十三日)被控一項代理人接受利益罪名,違反 《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(b)條。

被告否認控罪。主任裁判官練錦鴻將案件押後至本年十一月二十八日進行預審。

被告於案發時是觀塘住宅樓宇致昌大廈的主席或秘書。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇〇六年十二月十日至二〇一五年一月十七日期間,從裝修工人黎建楠接受賄 款,即相等於該工人在致昌大廈進行小型修葺工程所獲支付的服務費的百分之五十,作為把有關工程 批予他的報酬。涉案的賄款據報共二萬三千五百元。

被告獲准以現金二萬元保釋,並受命不准離開香港、須在報住地址居住及不得騷擾控方證人。

致昌大廈法團在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員何仲強代表出庭。

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