

Eight months' jail for accepting \$75,000 bribes over exchange of mahjong tiles

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A former deputy manager of a mahjong school, charged by the ICAC, was today (October 27) sentenced to eight months' imprisonment at the Kowloon City Magistracy for accepting a total of \$75,000 as bribes for exchanging and/or assisting in the exchange of mahjong tiles.

Chan Chun-on, formerly known as Chan Wai-leung, 65, former deputy manager of mahjong school 百樂麻雀娛樂公司 (Pak Lok), earlier pleaded guilty to one count of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

In sentencing, Principal Magistrate Peter Law Tak-chuen said the defendant's act had damaged the reputation of the sector. Bribery was a serious offence, thus warranting a custodial sentence.

The magistrate also ordered the defendant to pay \$75,000 as restitution to Pak Lok.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was the deputy manager of Pak Lok. He was responsible for running its daily operation and maintaining its order. He also kept the key to Pak Lok.

On an unknown day in July 2015, the then supervisor of the defendant offered him \$1,500 per day as a reward for helping members of a swindling syndicate enter Pak Lok and exchange the normal mahjong tiles for tiles marked with latent codes.

The supervisor would offer the defendant \$1,500 in cash on the day when the swindlers played mahjong in Pak Lok. The defendant accepted the offer, the court heard.

Between July and October 2015, the defendant communicated with the syndicate members by telephone and allowed them to enter Pak Lok and exchange coded mahjong after Pak Lok was closed at midnight. The defendant also did not take any action to interfere in the syndicate members playing mahjong in Pak Lok.

In return, Chan had accepted a total of \$75,000 from the supervisor, the court was told.

Pak Lok had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by Acting Senior Public Prosecutor Joey Ma, assisted by ICAC officer Peter Shek.

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麻雀館前副經理收賄七萬五千元以 調換麻雀牌判囚八個月

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一名麻雀館前副經理收受共七萬五千元賄款，以調換及/或協助調換麻雀牌，被廉政公署起訴。被告今日(十月二十七日)在九龍城裁判法院被判入獄八個月。

陳俊安，原名陳偉良，六十五歲，百樂麻雀娛樂公司(百樂)前副經理，早前承認一項代理人接受利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條。

主任裁判官羅德泉在判刑時表示，被告行為打擊行業聲譽，而貪污是嚴重罪行，須判處監禁刑期。裁判官又命令被告須向百樂賠償七萬五千元。

案情透露，被告於案發時是百樂的副經理，負責其日常運作及維持秩序。他亦持有百樂的鑰匙。

在二〇一五年七月某日，被告當時的上司向他提供每天一千五百元的現金報酬，目的是要被告協助一個詐騙集團的成員進入百樂，把正常麻雀牌換成暗藏記號的麻雀牌。

案情透露，詐騙集團成員到百樂打麻雀當日，其上司便會向被告提供一千五百元的現金利益。被告接受所提供的利益。

被告於二〇一五年七月至十月期間，以電話與集團成員聯絡，並多次容許他們於午夜百樂停止營業時，進入百樂把麻雀換成暗碼麻雀。此外，集團成員在百樂打麻雀時，被告亦一直不加干預。被告為此收受了其上司提供共七萬五千元。

百樂在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由署理高級檢控官馬嘉慧代表出庭，並由廉署人員石穎恒協助。

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