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### ICAC arrests 21 for alleged corruption over false concrete tests

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The ICAC has arrested two senior executives and 19 staff members of a contractor of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) for alleged corruption in relation to their submission of false concrete compression test reports.

Commencing last Tuesday (May 16) was an operation codenamed “Greenfield” in which two senior executives, two senior site laboratory technicians, 12 site laboratory technicians and five laboratory assistants of the contractor of the CEDD were arrested.

The investigation arose from a corruption complaint referred by the CEDD.

Since January 2013, the CEDD had engaged the contractor to conduct compression tests on samples of concrete to be used for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Project. The test for each sample was required to be conducted within a set time frame and all concrete samples (in cube form) were required to pass the test.

It was revealed that when some of the tests were not conducted within the set time frame in compliance with the contract requirements, the site laboratory technicians and laboratory assistants might have adjusted the times on the testing machines to cover up the irregularities.

During the ICAC operation, it was further revealed that some of the laboratory staff might have replaced the concrete samples by using a metal calibration cylinder and/or high strength concrete cubes to falsify the tests, so that the tests would appear to have been conducted properly. It was suspected that the above malpractice might have started in early 2015.

ICAC enquiries revealed that the two senior site laboratory technicians had certified the false test reports. It was suspected that they might have corruptly connived at the submission of the false reports to the CEDD.

When irregularities were initially detected in the concrete compression test reports by the CEDD, the contractor conducted an internal investigation into the matter. However, the use of the metal calibration cylinder and/or high strength concrete cubes to falsify tests was not disclosed in the investigation report that was submitted to the CEDD. It was suspected that the contractor might have submitted the misleading investigation report to the CEDD to defraud the department.

The CEDD has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

All the arrestees have been released on ICAC bail. Enquiries are continuing.

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## 新聞公佈

### 廉署拘二十一人疑涉虛假石屎壓力測試貪污案

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廉政公署拘捕土木工程拓展署一個承判商的兩名高層人員及十九名職員，懷疑他們涉嫌貪污並向土木工程拓展署呈交虛假石屎壓力測試報告。

廉署於上星期二(五月十六日)展開代號「綠田園」行動，拘捕涉案土木工程拓展署承判商的兩名高層人員、兩名高級工地實驗室技術員(高級技術員)、十二名工地實驗室技術員(技術員)及五名實驗室服務員(服務員)。

廉署早前接獲土木工程拓展署轉介貪污投訴，遂展開調查。

土木工程拓展署自二〇一三年一月起僱用該承判商，就用於港珠澳大橋工程的石屎樣本進行壓力測試。每件石屎樣本的測試須於特定時段內進行，而所有石屎樣本(樣本磚)均須通過測試。

廉署調查顯示，當部份測試未能按合約要求於特定時段內完成，涉案技術員及服務員涉嫌調整測試器材所顯示的時間，以掩飾其違規情況。

廉署在行動中另發現，部分實驗室人員涉嫌以金屬校準柱及/或強力石屎磚代替石屎樣本，以偽造測試結果，使測試看似正常進行。上述違規行為懷疑早於二〇一五年初開始。

廉署調查發現，涉案的兩名高級技術員核實有關虛假測試報告。他們涉嫌貪污以縱容把虛假測試報告呈交予土木工程拓展署。

土木工程拓展署當初發現石屎壓力測試報告的異常情況時，涉案承判商就事件進行內部調查，惟呈交予土木工程拓展署的調查報告並沒有披露有關使用金屬校準柱及/或強力石屎磚進行虛假測試。有關承判商涉嫌呈交誤導性的調查報告詐騙土木工程拓展署。

土木工程拓展署在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

所有被捕人士已獲廉署准予保釋。調查繼續進行。

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