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Ex-MAC chairman in court for illegal conduct over support to DC Election candidate

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A former chairman of a Mutual Aid Committee (MAC) of a public housing estate appeared at the Kwun Tong Magistracy today (September 15) after being charged by the ICAC with engaging in illegal conduct by giving written consent to a candidate for the inclusion of the MAC's name in an election advertisement of the candidate at the 2015 District Council (DC) Election without its approval.

Ip Kwai-yuen, 64, former chairman of a MAC of Choi Hung Estate, who was charged on Wednesday (September 13), faced one charge of engaging in illegal conduct at an election, contrary to Section 27(5) of the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to his charge today. Acting Principal Magistrate Mr Don So Man-hung adjourned the case to October 20 this year for a pre-trial review.

The case arose from a complaint referred by the Returning Officer. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above alleged offence.

At the material time, the defendant was the chairman of the MAC of Tan Fung House in Choi Hung Estate, a public housing estate in Wong Tai Sin. Tan Fung House was within the boundary of the Chi Choi Constituency of the 2015 Wong Tai Sin DC Election held on November 22, 2015.

The charge alleged that on October 20, 2015, the defendant engaged in illegal conduct at an election by purporting to give consent in writing to the inclusion in the election advertisement relating to the candidate at the 2015 Wong Tai Sin DC Election (Chi Choi Constituency) of the name or logo of or associated with the MAC of Tan Fung House in Choi Hung Estate without having been approved by it or by a resolution of its members passed at a general meeting.

The defendant was granted cash bail of \$5,000, and ordered not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Wong Ching-kwong.

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新聞公佈

廉署起訴互委會前主席涉嫌作出非法行為以支持區選候選人今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名公共屋邨互助委員會(互委會)前主席，控告他涉嫌作出非法行為，未經互委會批准而給予一名二○一五年區議會選舉候選人書面同意，將該互委會的名稱納入該名候選人的選舉廣告中。被告今日(九月十五日)在觀塘裁判法院應訊。

葉貴元，六十四歲，彩虹邨一個互委會前主席，於星期三(九月十三日)被控一項在選舉中作出非法行為罪名，違反《選舉(舞弊及非法行為)條例》第27(5)條。

被告今日否認控罪。署理主任裁判官蘇文隆將案件押後至本年十月二十日進行預審。

廉署早前接獲選舉主任轉介的投訴，調查其後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

被告於案發時是黃大仙公共屋邨彩虹邨丹鳳樓互委會主席。丹鳳樓於二○一五年十一月二十二日舉行的二○一五年黃大仙區議會選舉中屬於池彩選區。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二○一五年十月二十日，在選舉中作出非法行為，即未經彩虹邨丹鳳樓互委會批准或未經其成員在全體大會所通過的決議批准，而看來給予書面同意將有關互委會的名稱或標識或跟其有關的名稱或標識納入該名二○一五年黃大仙區議會選舉(池彩選區)候選人的選舉廣告中。

被告獲准以現金五千元保釋，並受命不得騷擾控方證人。

控方今日由廉署人員黃正光代表出庭。

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