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### **Trio charged with \$1.5m bribery over sale of pharmaceutical drugs**

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A former senior medical representative of a pharmaceutical manufacturer and two operators of two pharmacies have been charged by the ICAC today (November 28) in two cases for their alleged roles in conspiring to offer and accept bribes of over \$1.5 million in total in relation to the sale of pharmaceutical drugs.

In the first case, Gavin Wong Chun-yin (previously known as Gavin Wong Hung-man), 42, former senior medical representative of Novartis Pharmaceuticals (HK) Limited (NPHK), and Wong Chung-sum, 53, operator of Hygiene Medicine Limited (HML), face a joint charge of conspiracy for an agent to accept advantages, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO) and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

At the material time, Gavin Wong Chun-yin was a senior medical representative of NPHK, a pharmaceutical manufacturer, who was tasked to promote its prescription drugs to clinics and hospitals, but did not have to promote drugs to pharmacies. Wong Chung-sum was an operator of HML, a pharmacy, which was a client of NPHK.

The joint charge alleges that between January 27, 2014 and April 15, 2015, Gavin Wong Chun-yin and Wong Chung-sum conspired together for Gavin Wong Chun-yin to, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, accept from Wong Chung-sum a total sum of \$946,750 as rewards for supplying drugs manufactured by NPHK to HML.

In the second case, Tsoi Lai-ngan, 58, operator of Man Hong Dispensary (MHD), faces a charge of conspiracy to offer advantages to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the POBO and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

At the material time, the defendant was the operator of MHD, a pharmacy, which was a client of NPHK.

The charge alleges that between January 1, 2005 and March 31, 2015, the defendant conspired together with Gavin Wong Chun-yin to, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, offer a total sum of about \$563,000 to Gavin Wong Chun-yin as rewards for supplying drugs manufactured by NPHK to MHD.

The defendants in the above two cases will appear at the Eastern Magistracy on Thursday (November 30), pending the transfer of their cases to the District Court for plea.

NPHK has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The defendants have been released on ICAC bail, pending their court appearance on Thursday.

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## 新聞公佈

### 廉署起訴三人涉嫌就藥物銷售貪污一百五十萬元

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廉政公署今日(十一月二十八日)分兩案起訴一間製藥廠的一名前高級醫藥代表及兩間藥房的兩名經營者，控告三人涉嫌在藥物銷售中串謀提供及收受共逾一百五十萬元賄款。

在首宗案件，黃竣彥(前稱黃雄文)，四十二歲，瑞士諾華製藥(香港)有限公司(諾華)前高級醫藥代表，及黃松森，五十三歲，鎧浚大藥房有限公司(鎧浚)經營者，同被控一項串謀使代理人接受利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條。

黃竣彥於案發時是製藥廠諾華的高級醫藥代表，負責向診所及醫院推銷由諾華生產的處方藥物，但不需要向藥房推銷藥物。黃松森是藥房鎧浚的經營者，而鎧浚是諾華的客戶。

控罪指黃竣彥及黃松森涉嫌於二〇一四年一月二十七日至二〇一五年四月十五日期間，一同串謀使黃竣彥在無合法權限或合理辯解下，從黃松森接受共九十四萬六千七百五十元，作為向鎧浚供應諾華所製造的藥物的報酬。

在第二宗案件，蔡禮雁，五十八歲，民康西藥房(民康)經營者，被控一項串謀向代理人提供利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條。

蔡禮雁於案發時是藥房民康的經營者，而民康是諾華的客戶。

控罪指蔡禮雁涉嫌於二〇〇五年一月一日至二〇一五年三月三十一日期間，與黃竣彥一同串謀，在無合法權限或合理辯解下，向黃竣彥提供共約五十六萬三千元，作為向民康供應諾華所製造的藥物的報酬。

上述兩宗案件的三名被告將於星期四(十一月三十日)在東區裁判法院應訊，以待有關案件轉介區域法院答辯。

諾華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，以待星期四應訊。

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