



## Press Releases

### Trio charged with fraud and forgery over purchase of HOS flat

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Three persons have been charged by the ICAC with fraud and forgery respectively in relation to the purchase of a Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flat from the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) without paying a premium of over \$2.8 million to the Government.

The defendants, who were charged yesterday (December 19), are Wu Ka-long, 36, product merchandiser of an international cosmetic products retailer, her husband Tam Ho-kit, 39; and Tse Kwok-hung, 38, proprietor of an advertising company.

Wu and Tam face a joint charge of fraud, contrary to Section 16A of the Theft Ordinance, while Tse faces a charge of forgery, contrary to Section 71 of the Crimes Ordinance.

The defendants will appear at the Eastern Magistracy tomorrow (December 21) for plea.

The case arose from a corruption complaint. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above alleged offences.

At the material time, Wu was a product merchandiser of an international cosmetic products retailer. The advertising company of Tse, which was a contractor of the retailer, had never employed Wu as its employee.

In late 2012, the HA launched the Interim Scheme of Extending the Home Ownership Scheme Secondary Market to White Form Buyers, which enabled “White Form” applicants who satisfied prescribed eligibility criteria, including income and asset limits, to acquire subsidised sale flats from the secondary market without payment of a premium.

The joint charge alleges that between January 17 and June 5, 2014, Wu and Tam:

- (a) falsely represented to HA that their total monthly income did not exceed the income ceiling of \$40,000 for eligible applicants under the scheme;
- (b) caused to be made a false employment certificate to HA which purported to show that Wu had been employed by the advertising company as a product manager for a starting salary of \$16,000 per month;
- (c) submitted the certificate to HA as proof of Wu’s monthly income; and
- (d) applied to HA for a certificate of eligibility to purchase (CEP) and a letter of nominations (LN) in respect of a HOS flat in Tung Yuk Court, Shau Kei Wan when they were not eligible for them.

With intent to defraud, Wu and Tam allegedly induced HA to issue the CEP and LN to them for

acquisition of the flat, which resulted in benefit to them or prejudice to HA.

The other charge alleges that between January 17 and June 5, 2014, Tse made a false employment letter purporting to show that the advertising company had offered employment to Wu on November 4, 2013 when in fact no such employment had been offered.

It was alleged that as a result, Wu and Tam acquired the HOS flat under the scheme at the consideration of \$4.8 million without payment of a premium to the Government. The premium payable by them was over \$2.8 million if they acquired the flat in the free market.

HA has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case.

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

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## 新聞公佈

### 廉署起訴三人涉嫌就購買居屋單位欺詐及偽造文書

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廉政公署落案起訴三名人士，控告他們涉嫌就向香港房屋委員會(房委會)購買一個居者有其屋計劃(居屋)單位分別欺詐及偽造文書，因而沒有向政府補回逾二百八十萬元地價。

三名於昨日(十二月十九日)被起訴的被告為胡嘉朗，三十六歲，國際化妝品零售商產品銷售員，其丈夫譚浩傑，三十九歲；及謝國鴻，三十八歲，廣告公司東主。

胡嘉朗及譚浩傑同被控一項欺詐罪名，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條，而謝國鴻則被控一項偽造罪名，違反《刑事罪行條例》第71條。

被告將於明日(十二月二十一日)在東區裁判法院答辯。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

胡嘉朗於案發時在一間國際化妝品零售商任職產品銷售員。謝國鴻的廣告公司從沒有聘用她為僱員。

房委會於二〇一二年底推出「擴展居者有其屋計劃第二市場至白表買家臨時計劃」，容許符合入息及資產上限等要求的白表申請人在第二市場免補地價購買資助出售房屋單位。

胡嘉朗及譚浩傑同被控的罪名指他們涉嫌於二〇一四年一月十七日至六月五日期間：

- (a) 向房委會偽稱他們的總收入沒有超過有關計劃合資格申請者的四萬元薪金上限；
- (b) 安排製造一份虛假就業證明書，顯示胡嘉朗獲有關廣告公司聘用為產品經理，入職時月薪為一萬六千元；
- (c) 向房委會遞交該就業證明書，作為胡嘉朗的入息證明；及
- (d) 在他們不符合申請者資格的情況下，向房委會先後申請購買資格證明書及就位於筲箕灣東旭苑一個居屋單位的提名信。

胡嘉朗及譚浩傑意圖詐騙而涉嫌誘使房委會就購買該單位向他們發出有關購買資格證明書及提名信，導致他們獲得利益或房委會蒙受不利。

另一項控罪指謝國鴻涉嫌於二〇一四年一月十七日至六月五日期間，製造一封虛假聘用信，顯示該廣告公司於二〇一三年十一月四日僱用胡嘉朗，而事實上並無有關聘任。

胡嘉朗及譚浩傑被指因此根據有關計劃無須向政府補回地價，以四百八十萬元購買有關居屋單位。若他們在自由市場購買該單位，他們須補回逾二百八十萬元地價。

房委會在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待明日應訊。

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