



## Press Releases

### **Ex-assistant manager of charitable organisation charged with \$400,000 fraud over employment**

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A former assistant manager of a charitable organisation has been charged by the ICAC today (April 2) with fraud by using false academic and professional qualifications to induce the organisation to offer employment to him and pay him salaries totalling about \$400,000.

Johnny Wong Kwok-leung, 58, former assistant manager of Friends of the Earth (Hong Kong) Charity Limited (FoE(HK)), faces a charge of fraud, contrary to Section 16A of the Theft Ordinance.

The defendant will appear at the Eastern Magistracy on Thursday (April 4) for plea.

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

At the material time, the defendant applied for the post of project officer of FoE(HK), which is also one of green groups in Hong Kong.

The charge alleges that between February 14 and April 24, 2017, the defendant falsely represented to FoE(HK) that he held a Master Degree of Economics awarded by the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) and an associate membership of The Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (CICPA), and with intent to defraud, induced FoE(HK) to offer employment to him, which resulted in benefit to him or prejudice to FoE(HK).

ICAC enquiries revealed that HKBU did not offer any programme of Master of Economics, while CICPA did not have any associate membership.

As a result of the false academic and professional qualifications, FoE(HK) employed the defendant as an assistant manager at a monthly salary of over \$31,000 on May 4, 2017. Having served in FoE(HK) for over one year, he tendered his resignation which took effect on June 7, 2018. During his employment with FoE(HK), the defendant had received salary payments of about \$400,000 in total.

Had FoE(HK) known that the qualifications of the defendant were not true, FoE(HK) would not have offered employment to him.

FoE(HK) has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case.

The defendant has been released on ICAC bail, pending his court appearance on Thursday.

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## 新聞公佈

### 廉署起訴慈善團體前助理經理涉嫌欺詐職位支薪四十萬元

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廉政公署今日(四月二日)落案起訴一名慈善團體前助理經理，控告他涉嫌欺詐，利用虛假學歷及專業資格誘使該慈善團體聘用他及向他支付共約四十萬元薪金。

黃國樑，五十八歲，香港地球之友慈善有限公司(香港地球之友)前助理經理，被控一項欺詐罪名，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條。

被告將於星期四(四月四日)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。

被告於案發時申請香港地球之友項目主任一職，香港地球之友亦是本港環保團體之一。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一七年二月十四日至四月二十四日期間，向香港地球之友虛假地表示他持有香港浸會大學(浸大)頒發的經濟學碩士學位及為中國註冊會計師協會的附屬會員，並意圖詐騙而誘使香港地球之友聘用他，導致他獲得利益或香港地球之友蒙受不利。

廉署調查發現，浸大沒有開辦任何名為經濟學碩士的課程，而中國註冊會計師協會不設任何附屬會藉。

基於有關虛假學歷及專業資格，香港地球之友於二〇一七年五月四日以月薪逾三萬一千元聘請被告為助理經理。被告在香港地球之友工作超過一年後提出請辭，於二〇一八年六月七日生效。他受聘於香港地球之友期間獲發共約四十萬元薪金。

倘若香港地球之友知悉被告的資歷並非真確，香港地球之友不會聘用他。

香港地球之友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，以待星期四應訊。

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