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Musical instrument wholesaler fined \$160,000 for offering illegal rebates to instructors over purchase referrals

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A local wholesaler of musical instruments, charged by the ICAC, was fined \$160,000 at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today (December 24) after admitting that the company had offered illegal rebates totalling over \$44,000 to five musical instrument instructors for referring students to purchase musical instruments from it.

Chairman Instruments Trading Limited (Chairman Instruments), today pleaded guilty before Principal Magistrate Mr Peter Law Tak-chuen to six counts of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO).

The prosecution offered no evidence to the aforesaid six charges jointly laid against co-defendants Yeung Lok-wah, 46, director cum shareholder of Chairman Instruments; and Tang Pui-wun, 38, sales director of Chairman Instruments.

The court heard that at the material time, Chairman Instruments was a wholesaler of musical instruments in Hong Kong. According to a prevailing arrangement, Chairman Instruments would offer rebates to musical instrument instructors who referred students to purchase musical instruments from Chairman Instruments.

Between December 28, 2012 and March 17, 2014, two private violin instructors, two private cello instructors and a musical instrument instructor of a music school accompanied or referred a student and five mothers of other students to purchase musical instruments from Chairman Instruments.

Relying on the advice of the five musical instrument instructors, the student and five mothers purchased four violins, two cellos and a viola from Chairman Instruments at totalling over \$ 140,000.

The student and five mothers were never told that the five musical instrument instructors would receive rebates each ranging from over \$1,400 to \$20,000, totalling over \$44,000, from Chairman Instruments out of their purchases.

The court heard that approval for acceptance of those rebates had never been sought. The student and five mothers confirmed that they would not have allowed the five musical instrument instructors to accept the aforesaid rebates from Chairman Instruments.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Lily Ho, assisted by ICAC officer Marco Tang.

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新聞公佈

樂器批發商向導師提供非法回佣轉介學生購買樂器判罰款十六萬元

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一間本地樂器批發商向五名樂器導師提供非法回佣共逾四萬四千元，以轉介學生向該公司購買樂器，早前被廉政公署起訴。該公司今日(十二月二十四日)在西九龍裁判法院承認控罪，被判罰款十六萬元。

俊文樂器貿易有限公司(俊文樂器)，今日向主任裁判官羅德泉承認六項向代理人提供利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條。

同案被告楊樂華，四十六歲，俊文樂器董事兼股東；及鄧沛桓，三十八歲，俊文樂器銷售總監，同被控上述六項控罪，獲控方不提證供起訴。

案情透露，俊文樂器是香港一間樂器批發商。根據一貫安排，俊文樂器會向介紹學生到該公司購買樂器的樂器導師提供回佣。

於二〇一二年十二月二十八日至二〇一四年三月十七日期間，兩名私人小提琴導師、兩名私人大提琴導師及一名音樂學校導師陪同或轉介一名學生及其他學生的五名母親向俊文樂器購買樂器。

該名學生及五名母親按該五名樂器導師的建議，向俊文樂器購買了四個小提琴、兩個大提琴及一個中提琴，涉款共逾十四萬元。

該名學生及五名母親從不知悉，該五名樂器導師會因為她們選購樂器而收取俊文樂器的回佣。有關回佣每筆由逾一千四百元至二萬元不等，合共逾四萬四千元。

案情透露，有關樂器導師從未尋求批准接受該些回佣。該名學生及五名母親確認，她們不會容許該五名樂器導師從俊文樂器收取上述回佣。

控方今日由高級檢控官何眉語代表出庭，並由廉署人員鄧學正協助。

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