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Certified public accountant charged as ICAC probe reveals theft of USD1.25m

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The ICAC today (May 3) charged a certified public accountant, who was a trustee of two companies, with stealing a total of over USD1.25 million from the two companies.

The ICAC investigation arose from a corruption complaint. Upon completion of the investigation, the ICAC sought legal advice from the Department of Justice, which advised charging the certified public accountant.

Cheung Hing-chik, 73, faces two counts of theft, contrary to Section 9 of the Theft Ordinance. He was released on ICAC bail, pending his appearance in the Eastern Magistrates' Courts on Thursday (May 5) for mention.

At the material time, the defendant was entrusted by a couple residing outside Hong Kong to handle the business and financial affairs of two companies which respectively engaged in arts trading and securities investment.

The defendant was the sole authorised signatory for bank accounts of the two companies but he was not permitted to dispose of any funds or securities of the two companies without consent from the couple.

The charges allege that between February 2016 and January 2020, the defendant stole a total of over USD1.25 million belonging to the two companies.

It is alleged that the defendant had on over 50 occasions transferred over USD1.25 million to his personal bank accounts without the consent of the couple.

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新聞公佈

廉署調查貪污揭註冊會計師偷竊125萬美元

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廉政公署今日(5月3日)落案起訴一名註冊會計師兼兩間公司的受託人，控告他涉嫌從該兩間公司偷竊合共逾125萬美元。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴遂展開調查，完成調查後向律政司徵詢法律意見，並按有關法律意見落案起訴上述註冊會計師。

張慶植，73歲，被控兩項盜竊罪名，違反《盜竊罪條例》第9條。他獲廉署准予保釋，以待星期四(5月5日)在東區裁判法院應訊。

案發時，一對在外地居住的夫婦委託被告處理兩間公司的生意和財務。該兩間公司分別從事藝術品貿易及證券投資。

被告是上述兩間公司數個銀行戶口的唯一授權簽署人，但未經該對夫婦同意，他不得處置公司任何資金或證券。

兩項控罪指，被告涉嫌於2016年2月至2020年1月期間，偷竊屬於上述兩間公司共逾125萬美元的款項。

被告被指在未經該對夫婦同意下，將逾125萬美元，分50多次轉賬至自己的銀行戶口。

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