

## **Press Releases**

# Ex-bank employee and intermediary charged by ICAC with bribery for expediting account opening

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A former bank employee and an intermediary were charged by the ICAC yesterday (March 13) for allegedly soliciting and accepting bribes totalling \$13,000 for expediting the process of opening personal bank accounts for six clients.

Law Tsz-hin, 30, former business sales executive of China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited (CCB (Asia)), faces four charges – one of agent soliciting an advantage; two of agent accepting an advantage and one of conspiracy for an agent to accept advantages, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

Hu Yi, 39, sole director of Gangchen International Business Consulting (Shenzhen) Company Limited (Gangchen), faces the charge of conspiracy for an agent to accept advantages.

The duo were released on ICAC bail, pending their appearance at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (March 15) for plea.

At the material time, Law was a business sales executive of the Central Branch of CCB (Asia). He was responsible for opening personal bank accounts and answering enquiries from clients. Gangchen was an intermediary company providing commercial secretarial and bank account opening services.

It is alleged that between late April and mid-May 2023, when Law was handling account opening matters, he solicited a bribe of \$5,000 from a client and accepted

bribes totalling \$5,000 from two other clients for expediting the trio' s account opening process.

Law and Hu allegedly conspired together during the period for Law to accept bribes from Hu for expediting the account opening process of clients referred by Hu. It is alleged that bribes totalling \$3,000 were involved for three clients referred to Law by Hu.

CCB (Asia) has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case.

The ICAC has been actively promoting corruption prevention services to banks and enhancing banking practitioners' knowledge on the anti-corruption laws. The newly launched "Corruption Prevention Guide for Banks" assists banks in managing corruption risks in core operations, including accounts opening. An Ethics Promotion Programme for the Banking Industry was also launched to help bank staff to understand common corruption loopholes.



#### 新聞公佈

#### 廉署起訴前銀行職員及中介人涉嫌貪污助客加快開戶

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廉政公署昨日(3月13日)落案起訴一名前銀行職員及一名中介人,控告他們涉嫌索取及收受 賄款共13,000元,為六名客戶加快開立個人銀行戶口的流程。

羅子軒,30歲,中國建設銀行(亞洲)股份有限公司(建行(亞洲))前銷售主任,被控四項罪 名,即一項代理人索取利益、兩項代理人接受利益,及一項串謀代理人接受利益,違反 《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條。

胡艺·39歲·港辰國際商務咨詢(深圳)有限公司(港辰)唯一董事·同被控上述串謀代理人接受利益罪名。

二人已獲廉署准予保釋,明日(3月15日)在東區裁判法院答辩。

案發時羅子軒是建行(亞洲)中環分行的銷售主任,負責處理個人戶口開立及客戶查詢。港辰 是一間中介公司,為客戶提供商業秘書及安排銀行開戶等服務。

羅子軒涉嫌於2023年4月底至5月中為建行(亞洲)客戶處理開立個人戶口事宜時,向一名客 戶索取賄款5,000元,及從另外兩名客戶收取賄款共5,000元,以協助三人加快在該銀行的 開戶流程。

羅子軒及胡艺又涉嫌於上述期間,串謀使羅子軒從胡艺接受賄款,以加快由胡艺轉介的客 戶在建行(亞洲)的開戶流程。胡艺涉嫌向羅子軒轉介三名客戶,涉及賄款共3,000元。

建行(亞洲)在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

廉署一直積極向銀行推廣防貪服務及加強從業員對防貪法例的認識,早前更推出全新《銀

行防貪指南》,協助銀行管理主要營運範疇,包括開立銀行戶口的貪污風險,並推出「銀 行業誠信推廣計劃」,協助前線銀行職員了解常見的貪污陷阱,與業界共建廉潔文化。

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