

Ex-instructor of CityU faces court for contract and payment fraud

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A former instructor of the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) appeared at Kowloon City Magistracy today (Thursday) after being charged by the ICAC for his alleged roles in fraudulently obtaining a contract for organising a student orientation programme and using a false receipt to deceive payments for glass plaques.

Timothy Wan Yiu-chung, 50, a former Instructor I of the School of Continuing and Professional Education (SCOPE) of CityU, pleaded not guilty to one count of fraud; and one of agent using a false document with intent to deceive his principal, contrary to Section 9(3) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

Principal Magistrate Mr Josiah Lam Wai-kuen adjourned the case to May 5 for a pre-trial review, and granted the defendant cash bail of \$10,000.

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

At the material time, the defendant was an Instructor I posted to CityU's SCOPE, which organised various sub-degree courses, including Project Yi Jin.

In mid August 2009, SCOPE decided to organise a student orientation programme for students of Project Yi Jin.

The fraud charge alleged that on September 3, 2009, the defendant falsely represented in an Application for Approved Suppliers that no staff of CityU or their families had any interest in Complex Production Company (CPC).

It was alleged that with intent to defraud, the defendant induced CityU to accept and award CPC by way of single tender a contract worth \$68,250 for the organisation of the student orientation for Project Yi Jin.

The other charge alleged that on September 2, 2009, the defendant, with intent to deceive CityU, used a receipt purportedly issued by a stationery shop to show that 10 pieces of glass plaques for a total amount of \$2,500 were purchased from the shop.

CityU had rendered full assistance to the ICAC in its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Glory Leung.