

Trio charged with \$1m bribery over garment purchase orders

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The ICAC has charged two senior executives of two garment suppliers and a senior manager of a garment trading company for allegedly offering and accepting bribes totalling over \$1 million respectively in relation to the awarding of purchase orders for children's wear.

The defendants are Guan Xiaoyi, 30, and Yeung Wai-sing, 40, respectively a director and a finance manager of Sun Xinfu Arts Manufacture Limited (Sun Xinfu) and Shun Fat Arts Manufacture Limited (Shun Fat); and Doris Au Yeung Lai-hung, 44, a senior merchandise manager of Li & Fung (Trading) Limited (Li & Fung).

Guan and Yeung face a joint count of conspiracy to offer advantages to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(b) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO) and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance. Au Yeung alone faces six counts of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(b) of the POBO.

The defendants will appear at Eastern Magistracy at 9:30 am on Friday (April 29) for mention, pending transfer to the District Court.

At the time of the alleged offences, Au Yeung was responsible for placing purchase orders of Li & Fung with garment suppliers, including Sun Xinfu and Shun Fat.

The conspiracy charge alleges that between April 2008 and July 2010, Guan and Yeung conspired together with other persons to offer over \$1.41 million in bribes to Au Yeung as rewards for the awarding of and dealing with purchase orders for children's wear from Li & Fung to Sun Xinfu and Shun Fat.

The remaining six charges accuse Au Yeung of having accepted bribes totalling more than \$1.21 million from Guan and Yeung for the same purpose.

The defendants have been released on ICAC bail, pending their court appearance on Friday.