

## Ex-senior executive of tunnel company admits soliciting \$6m bribe

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A former senior executive of a tunnel management company, charged by the ICAC, admitted at the District Court today (Tuesday) that he had solicited a bribe of over \$6 million from another management company in relation to a new contract for management of two tunnels.

Victor Leung Yau-wing, 66, former assistant general manager of Greater Lucky (HK) Company Limited (Greater Lucky), pleaded guilty to one count of agent soliciting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance. He also admitted one count of failing to surrender to custody.

Judge Kevin Browne adjourned the case to next Tuesday (December 17) for sentence, and remanded the defendant in the custody of the Correctional Services Department.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was employed by the parent company of Greater Lucky as a transport affairs director acting for Greater Lucky to handle the tendering exercise of the new contract.

In April last year, Greater Lucky was awarded the new contract by the Transport Department (TD) to replace Serco Group (HK) Limited (Serco) as the new management company of Kai Tak Tunnel and Lion Rock Tunnel at over \$400 million.

With the signing of the contract scheduled for late July last year, the defendant became assistant general manager of Greater Lucky as from August 1 last year.

On July 10 last year, prior to the signing of the new contract, an executive director of Serco met with the defendant upon the latter's request.

During the meeting, the defendant solicited a sum equivalent to 1.5% of the price of the contract, amounting to over \$6 million, for deferring the signing of the contract by Greater Lucky with the TD, the court heard.

The defendant was subsequently arrested by the ICAC. On May 16 this year, he was charged by the ICAC with one count of agent soliciting an advantage.

After pleading not guilty to the charge on June 11, the defendant was scheduled to face trial at the District Court on August 12. But he failed to turn up at the court for trial on that day, and a warrant of arrest was issued.

Upon his return to Hong Kong from the Mainland on October 21, the defendant was arrested and laid with an additional charge of failing to surrender to custody, the court was told.

The prosecution was today represented by Acting Senior Public Prosecutor Jonathan Lin, assisted by ICAC officer Joseph Leung.

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## 隧道管理公司前高層承認索賄六百萬元候判

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一名隧道管理公司前高層人員，就兩條隧道的新管理合約，向另一間管理公司索取六百多萬元賄款，早前被廉政公署拘控。被告今日(星期二)在區域法院承認控罪。

梁佑榮，六十六歲，越運亨(香港)有限公司(「越運亨」)前助理總經理，承認一項代理人索取利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條。他又承認一項沒有按照法庭的指定歸押罪名。

法官鮑理賢將案件押後至下星期二(十二月十七日)，以待被告判刑。被告暫時還押懲教署看管。

案情透露，被告於案發時受僱於「越運亨」的母公司為交通事務發展總監，負責為「越運亨」處理有關新管理合約的招標工作。

「越運亨」於去年四月獲運輸署以逾四億元批出有關新合約，接替信佳集團管理有限公司(「信佳」)成為啟德隧道及獅子山隧道的新管理公司。

有關合約訂於去年七月底簽署，而被告則於去年八月一日起出任「越運亨」助理總經理。

去年七月十日，即簽署新合約前，被告約見一名「信佳」的執行董事。被告於會面時向對方索取相等於有關合約價格的百分之一點五的款項，即為六百多萬元，以延遲「越運亨」與運輸署簽署該合約。

被告其後被廉署拘捕，並於本年五月十六日被控一項代理人索取利益罪名。

被告於六月十一日否認控罪，案件押後至八月十二日在區域法院進行審訊。由於被告於審訊當日沒有出庭，法官遂簽發手令通緝他歸案。

被告於十月二十一日由內地回港後被拘捕，並被加控一項沒有按照法庭的指定歸押罪名。

控方今日由署理高級檢控官連普禧代表出庭，並由廉署人員梁家豪協助。

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