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### **Ex-manager jailed for \$580,000 MTR Corporation design service payments fraud**

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A former manager of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTR Corporation), charged by the ICAC, was today (April 20) sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment at the Kwun Tong Magistracy for conspiracy to defraud the MTR Corporation of design service payments totalling over \$580,000.

Lau Kwok-fai, 51, former manager of the MTR Corporation, earlier pleaded guilty to seven counts of conspiracy to defraud, contrary to Common Law.

In sentencing, Deputy Magistrate Andrew Mok Tze-chung said he meted out a jail term of 18 months to the defendant after taking into account his guilty plea and other mitigating factors.

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

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was the manager of the Branding and Creative Design Team of the MTR Corporation, who had the authority to contract out design tasks to design contractors directly.

Between November 1, 2012 and April 3, 2014, the defendant and a design contractor of the MTR Corporation falsely represented that the contractor had provided design services for six projects and submitted 16 invoices issued by the contractor in respect of the design services it had provided. In fact, the contractor had not provided any design services for the six projects.

The six projects were the passenger information display system, pocket size safety booklet, priority lift signage for MTR stations, platform lift directional passage, platform queuing design for Kowloon Tong and Prince Edward Stations.

The defendant and the design contractor caused and induced staff members of the MTR Corporation to make payments to the contractor in the total sum of \$309,000 for the design services.

The court heard that between December 1, 2014 and October 27, 2015, the defendant and the design contractor falsely represented that another contractor had provided design services for the digital route map screen display graphic of the Shatin to Central Link, and submitted four invoices issued by the second contractor in respect of the design services it had provided.

The defendant and the design contractor caused and induced staff members of the MTR Corporation to

make a payment to the second contractor in the sum of over \$273,000 for the design services, despite the fact that the second contractor had not provided any design services for the project.

The MTR Corporation had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Andrew Cheng Chi-hang, assisted by ICAC officer Giggs Poon.

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## 新聞公佈

# 前經理詐騙港鐵公司五十八萬元設計服務費判囚十八個月

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一名香港鐵路有限公司(港鐵公司)前經理串謀詐騙港鐵公司共逾五十八萬元的設計服務費，早前被廉政公署起訴。被告今日(四月二十日)在觀塘裁判法院被判入獄十八個月。

劉國輝，五十一歲，港鐵公司前經理，早前承認七項串謀詐騙罪名，違反普通法。

暫委裁判官莫子聰判刑時表示，他已考慮被告認罪及其他求情理由，遂判被告入獄十八個月。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述罪行。

案情透露，被告於案發時是港鐵公司品牌及設計部經理，有權將設計工作直接外判予設計承辦商。

被告及港鐵公司一名設計承辦商於二〇一二年十一月一日至二〇一四年四月三日期間，虛假地表示該承辦商曾為六個項目提供設計服務，並提交該承辦商就其提供有關設計服務所發出的十六張發票。事實上，該承辦商不曾就該六個項目提供任何設計服務。

該六個項目分別為乘客資訊顯示系統、有關安全行為的袋裝小冊子、港鐵站優先使用升降機標示、月台升降機方向標示，以及九龍塘站和太子站的月台排隊設計。

被告及該設計承辦商導致和誘使港鐵公司職員就有關設計服務向該承辦商支付共三十萬九千元。

案情透露，被告與該設計承辦商於二〇一四年十二月一日至二〇一五年十月二十七日期間，虛假地表示另一名承辦商曾為沙中線數碼路線圖屏幕顯示圖項目提供設計服務，並提交有關承辦商就有關設計服務所發出的四張發票。

雖然有關承辦商事實上不曾就該項目提供任何設計服務，但被告及該設計承辦商卻導致和誘使港鐵公司職員就有關設計服務向有關承辦商支付共逾二十七萬三千元。

港鐵公司在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日高級檢控官鄭致行代表出庭，並由廉署人員潘志瑋協助。

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