Businessman in court for alleged bribery over bank remittance

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A businessman appeared in the Eastern Magistracy today (Friday) after being charged by the ICAC for allegedly offering a bribe to an officer of a bank to facilitate the deposit of a remittance.

Teo Eng-bock, 75, director and shareholder of Gold Power Enterprises Holdings Inc. (Gold Power), who was charged on Wednesday (May 6), faced one count of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

The defendant today pleaded not guilty to the charge. Principal Magistrate Ms Bina Chainrai adjourned the case to June 2 this year for a pre-trial review.

At the material time, the defendant was the director and shareholder of Gold Power. He was also the sole authorised signatory of a bank account the company opened at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC).

The charge alleged that on May 28, 2014, the defendant, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, offered to an assistant vice president of the HSBC Business Centre an unspecified sum representing a portion of the remittance to be paid into the Gold Power bank account held with the bank as a reward for facilitating the deposit of the remittance into the said bank account.

The defendant was granted bail, and was ordered not to interfere with prosecution witnesses and not to leave Hong Kong.

HSBC had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Chong Kwok-sum.

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廉署起訴商人涉嫌就銀行匯款行賄今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名商人，控告他涉嫌行賄一名銀行職員，以利便存入一筆匯款。被告今日(星期五)在東區裁判法院應訊。

張榮木，七十五歲，Gold Power Enterprises Holdings Inc. (Gold Power)董事兼股東，於星期三(五月六日)被控一項向代理人提供利益罪名，涉嫌違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條。

被告今日否認控罪。主任裁判官錢禮將案件押後至今年六月二日進行預審。

被告於案發時為Gold Power的董事兼股東，以及該公司在香港上海滙豐銀行(滙豐)開設的銀行戶口的唯一授權簽署人。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一四年五月二十八日，無合法權限或合理辯解，向滙豐中小企中心一名助理副總裁，提供一筆未指明金額的款項，即將會存入Gold Power在滙豐的帳戶的部分匯款，作為利便該匯款存入該銀行帳戶的報酬。

被告獲准保釋，並受命不得騷擾控方證人及不准離開香港。

滙豐在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員莊國琛代表出庭。

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