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Subject Fwd: "PROPERTY DEVELOPER SUMMONED TO IEGICO
OVER EX-OFFICIAL'S JOB".SCMPost Feb.18

Influential tycoons' relationship in past and present-with civil servants has long been-a blot on reputation of Hong Kong,specially after handover-and-become a major contributor to high costs,writes,frank, fearless, Philip Bowering, in his blunt, eye opening article, sort of mirror, our civil service, and adminstration will not dare to look into, "Spineless officials raise their white flags again", SCMPost,Feb.19,2009.

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I hope our legislators,take a note from this,and do not worry about retaliation or less, campaign contributions,from tycoons,while questioning-Henry Cheng Kar-sum,chairman of New World Land-China,on April 18, who is also boss of our chief executive's brother, ex police commissioner, without any relevant experience or qualifications,who was promptly hired-upon his retirement-,as a director of New World Development,Hong Kong.

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Mr. Cheng, is a shrewed and very-far sighted-tycoon,who wanted to kill two birds with one stone,by-employing Lueng chin-man,to-reward him for past-favours, of-Hung Hom Peninsula, Kowloon,-a huge housing estate,-bulit for sandwich class-of Hong Kong,which was-sold for peanuts,-\$1500 per sq.ft.,a highly-controversial-deal,finalised in favour of New World Development (NWD)-by Mr. Lueng,-during SARS,without careful consideration of loss of billions-to public purse.The same flats were re-sold for \$7000 per sq.ft.after refurbishing.

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NWD-made billions-and take further advantage of Lueng Chin-man's,favourable attitude towards NWD,and-past experience,knowledge of loop-holes-and his contacts,and influence on subordinates,while-being,former chief of housing/lands/town

planning-department.Mr.Cheng, hired him-assuming that-public and legislators have short memory and the-scandal of Hung Hom-peninsula is forgotten as thing of the past.

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-Also in name sake New World China, was employer, not the NWD, but it was apparent, Mr. Lueng would have devoted all-his knowledge developing properties in Hong Kong, not China, which he was not capable or experienced.

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When-Mr.Lueng was in Lands,Housing,Townplanning-departments-,he also passed (about 10/12 years ago), another redevelopment-project of-about 70 stories, by demolishing 18 stories car park/department store,on Salisbury Rd.,next to new World Renaissance &Regent(Intercontinental)-hotel, built only-about 25 years ago on TST prime waterfront, for-NWD.The work is to begin-soon, as building is vacated,though the plan was passed (probably by Mr. Lueng)-lot in advance-and extensions were granted purposely to suit delayed requirements of NWD to make profit-tens of billions on prime waterfront near Star ferry..

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We inherited fine administrative system and rule of law from Britain, but our-image of our-International city of Hong Kong,is tarnished-as ICAC-exists for-small man only and chronism/collusion is common among civil service and big corporations.-But Teflon coated tycoons are,beyond their reach.Our civil service,SFC,Stock Exchange,-all-are under thumb of tycoons who-seem be in-charge-to decide fate of Hong Kong. Their business is to make money,even if economy is bad-in Hong Kong-by playing the game by the rules made in their favour-by-civil service under their control-indirectly.

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