

Statement of Witness

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I write to provide proof of hearing about a statement that Professor Mok Mo Ching Magdalena submitted to the Commission of Inquiry regarding a telephone call from Mrs. Fanny Law, former ~~Standing~~ ^{Permanent} Secretary of the Education and Manpower ~~Branch,~~ ^{Bureau} to fire Mr. Ip Kin Yuen, a former lecture at the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

For some time in the past few years, Professor Mok's office was Building D1-2/F-Room 5 in HKIEd, which is across the hallway from my office (Building D1-2/F-2). I often came across her in the hallway and we'd have a short, informal conversation. I went into her office one day to say hello. She told me about having received a telephone call from Mrs. Law earlier regarding an essay Mr. Ip Kin Yuen had published in the newspaper, and that in the phone call Mrs. Law told Professor Mok to fire Mr. Ip. I said to Professor Mok that this was impossible because she and Mr. Ip worked in different departments. I exclaimed that as civil servant Mrs. Law should know that an officer in one department had no right to fire a staff in another department.

Thank you.