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asked why her sus- not raised although en Mr Chang's busi- degree, law office, or ficial letters bearing name. Her reply was ed him, believed he nd "assumed that he untrue things".

oar also refuted her : Chang had tricked him the \$682,000 by mercial Affairs De-

partment would seize that money because of their investigations into her cheating offences then.

Chee disagreed that all of the \$682,000 — except for \$90,000 which was owed to Mr Chang for outstanding consultancy fees owed to him — had been disbursed according to her instructions and with her knowledge.

Grilled on why she agreed to let Mr Chang hold such a large sum of money for her, Chee said: "I was under a lot of mental stress because of the criminal investigations. I was also frightened that he would drop my legal case."

The case continues today with Mr Chiang taking the stand.

Chee is also appealing against her conviction and 13-month jail term for cheating the charities of \$5,761 between March 2003 and April 2004.

She is also involved in an unrelated High Court suit against prominent paraplegic athlete William Tan Kian Meng over the alleged repayment of loans and property investment losses totalling \$400,000.

## SAA president takes stand in civil trial

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SINGAPORE — It was the long-awaited appearance in court of Singapore Athletic Association (SAA) president Loh Lin Kok as the trial between the SAA and its former shot putter Luan Wei continued yesterday.

Luan, 27, and his mother Mdm Zhang Ping are seeking damages from the National Sports Association (NSA) for allegedly reneging on eight promises made in 1999. These include citizenship within a year, training allowance, English language lessons and enrolment in a university.

They were in court when their lawyer Edmond Pereira began cross-examining Mr Loh, 63. But they left after about 15 minutes.

Much of the 70-minute long cross-examination was spent establishing Mr Loh's credentials, and his visit to China in February 1999 with NSA officials and former national coach Guo Huaiyun to scout for talent.

District Judge James Leong

also voiced his displeasure with Mr Pereira for spending too much time verifying if minutes of meetings regarding discussions on the Foreign Sports Talent scheme between 1999 and 2000 by the then-Singapore Amateur Athletic Association were available.

The civil suit began last December and resumed last week.

Mr Guo also took the stand yesterday. Much of the cross-examination of Mr Guo, who parted ways with the NSA in December 2003 under acrimonious circumstances, surrounded Luan's citizenship issue.

Speaking through an interpreter in Mandarin, he told the court he focused on throwers Dong Enxin and Zhang Guirong who had become citizens and were eligible to represent Singapore. He gave Luan less priority, as his application for citizenship had yet to be approved, but saw to it that Luan stayed in shape.

Luan, now a student at Hunan University, and Mdm Zhang are due to return to China today.

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