

Charged with cheating 38 in \$150,000 timeshare con

A MAN has been accused of cheating 38 people out of more than \$150,000 by tricking them into believing he could help them sell their timeshare investments.

Tan Miah Soong, 43, the former director of International Timeshare Resale Consultant, was charged in a district court yesterday with 73 counts of cheating.

He also faces one charge of using the abbreviated form of 'limited' in the name of his business without incorporating it under the Companies Act.

Tan, now unemployed, is accused of committing the cheating offences between April 2000 and September last year.

He is alleged to have first collected registration fees of between \$388 and \$776 from the victims, after claiming he could help them sell their timeshares.

He purportedly collected larger sums of money from them later, ranging from \$1,125 to \$13,750, as fees to effect the sale.

Tan's case is scheduled for a pre-trial conference on April 1.