

## Company and its director fined \$60,000 for contravening Employment Ordinance

Fortune Dragon Motors Limited and its director were prosecuted by the Labour Department (LD) for failing to pay the sum awarded by the Labour Tribunal (LT) in accordance with the Employment Ordinance (EO). The company and its director were convicted at Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts today (December 30) and were each fined \$30,000, making a total fine of \$60,000.

The company failed to pay an employee the awarded sum of about \$52,000 within 14 days after the date of the award in accordance with the requirement of the EO. The director was convicted for his consent, connivance or neglect in the above offence.

"The ruling will disseminate a strong message to all employers, directors and responsible officers of companies that they have to pay the sums awarded by the LT or the Minor Employment Claims Adjudication Board to employees within the statutory time limit stipulated in the EO," a spokesman for the LD said.

"The LD will not tolerate these offences and will spare no effort in enforcing the law and safeguarding employees' statutory rights," the spokesman added.