

Company and its director fined for defaulting on payment of Labour Tribunal award

Savran Sky Limited and its director were prosecuted by the Labour Department (LD) for defaulting on the sums awarded by the Labour Tribunal (LT) under the requirements of Employment Ordinance (EO). The company and its director pleaded guilty at Eastern Magistrates' Courts earlier and were fined \$25,000 each today (May 17), making a total of \$50,000.

The company failed to pay one employee the awarded sum of about \$52,000 within 14 days after the date set out by the terms of the LT award as required by the EO. The director concerned was convicted for her consent, connivance or neglect in the above offence.

"The ruling helps disseminate a strong message to all employers that they have to pay the awarded sums according to the LT or Minor Employment Claims Adjudication Board," an LD spokesman said.

"The LD will not tolerate these offences and will continue to make dedicated efforts in enforcing the law and safeguarding employees' statutory rights," the spokesman added.