

Company director sentenced to community service order for default on Labour Tribunal award

The director of Bingo S&M Limited has been prosecuted by the Labour Department (LD) for failing to pay employees the sum awarded by the Labour Tribunal under the Employment Ordinance (EO). The director pleaded guilty earlier at Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts and was sentenced to 120 hours' community service order today (June 22). The director was also ordered by the court to compensate the outstanding sum of about \$112,000 to the employees concerned.

Bingo S&M Limited failed to pay three employees the sum of about \$112,000 awarded by the Labour Tribunal within 14 days after the date set out by the Labour Tribunal award in accordance with the requirement of the EO. The director concerned was convicted for her consent, connivance or neglect in the above offence.

"The judgment will disseminate a strong message to all directors and responsible officers of companies that they have to pay employees the sums awarded by the Labour Tribunal or the Minor Employment Claims Adjudication Board in accordance with 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.