

# Company fined for illegal club operation

A company was fined \$1,500 at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts today (November 9) for contravening the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance.

The courts heard that in March this year, officers from the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department conducted an inspection at a club in Wo Shang Wai in Yuen Long which had been operating with a certificate of compliance (CoC).

An OLA officer posed as a customer and patronised the club for food and drinks without being asked to show her membership status or being invited to join the club as member. Condition 19 of the CoC was breached.

The company, being the CoC holder of the club, was charged with contravening section 21(2) of the Ordinance.

A spokesman for the department reminded all CoC holders to comply with the conditions as stipulated therein. Enforcement action would continue to be taken against illegal club operations.