

# Company fined for illegal club operation

A company was fined \$16,000 at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (February 19) for contravening the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance.

The courts heard that in July last year, officers from the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department conducted an inspection at a club on Hennessy Road in Wan Chai which had been operating with a certificate of compliance (CoC).

The OLA officers found that the exit route had been obstructed. Also, the club's staff failed to show the registered drawing upon the OLA officers' request. Conditions 12 and 17 of the CoC were 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 will continue to be taken against illegal club operations.