

Contractor fined for violation of safety legislation

Gammon Construction Limited was fined \$108,000 at Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (January 7) for violation of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance, the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations and the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Management) Regulation. The prosecutions were launched by the Labour Department.

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on March 5, 2019, at a foundation construction site in Yuen Long. Four workers stayed on the platform of a casing rotator to assist in the relocation of the rotator by a crane, and in the course of work they tied two sets of lifting slings being used in the lifting operation to a guard rail unit of the platform with ropes. When the two sets of lifting slings were later released from the hook of the crane, the slings dropped and pulled the guard rail unit off. The detached guard rail unit struck two of the workers and caused them to fall 3.4 metres to the bottom of the inner hollow part of the rotator. Both workers sustained injuries and one of them passed away two weeks later.