<u>Contractors fined for violation of safety legislation</u>

Excel Engineering Company Limited and Excellence Construction Engineering (HK) Limited were fined \$17,000 and \$52,000 respectively at Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (September 2) for violation of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance and the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear) Regulations. The prosecutions were launched by the Labour Department.

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on August 31, 2017, at a waterworks site in Piper's Hill. While a lorry-mounted crane was lifting an excavator, the crane suddenly overturned, causing another excavator that had been stowed on its deck to fall over. The crane operator died after being struck by the falling excavator.