

Contractors fined for violation of safety legislation

Gammon Construction Limited and Freyssinet Hong Kong Limited were fined \$135,000 and \$115,000 respectively at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today (January 23) for violation of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance 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 April 23, 2016 at a construction site of the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link-Southern Connection Viaduct Section. While a worker was working near the edge of a sea viaduct under construction with his safety harness attached to a temporary metal fencing erected over the edge, the metal fencing suddenly detached and fell into the sea. The worker was thus dragged into the sea by the falling metal fencing and he drowned.