

Education centre and its manager charged with contravention of Trade Descriptions Ordinance

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 3) charged a male manager of an education centre for applying a false trade description to the travel service supplied, in contravention of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (TDO). The education centre has also been summonsed.

Customs earlier received information alleging that an education centre made a false claim on the travel tour bound for Thailand that it would be undertaken by a designated travel agent. After investigation, it was found that the tour was not undertaken by the travel agent.

The case will be heard at Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (September 5).

Customs reminds traders to comply with the requirements of the TDO and consumers to procure services at reputable shops.

Under the TDO, any trader who applies a false trade description to a service supplied to a customer commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected violations of the TDO to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).