

# Employee sentenced to imprisonment and fined for violation of safety legislation

An employee was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and fined \$2,500 at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today (December 11) for violating the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance and the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations. The prosecutions were launched by the Labour Department (LD).

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on December 22, 2021, at a drainage work site in Chek Lap Kok. While conducting maintenance on an inspection chamber, a team of four workers and a foreman (namely the convicted employee) inhaled toxic gas successively. Two workers died, while the other two workers and the foreman were injured.

The LD's spokesman said, "The LD welcomes the court's decision and believes the aforementioned sentences have a deterrent effect to remind employees to strictly comply with the requirements under safety legislation to safeguard the safety and health at work of himself and of other persons."