

# Employer and occupier of premises fined for violation of safety legislation

Hip Hing Loong Stage Engineering Company Limited was fined \$420,000 at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts today (January 17) for violation of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance. The prosecutions were launched by the Labour Department (LD).

The case involved two accidents that occurred in connection with a concert held in July 2022 at the Hong Kong Coliseum, Hung Hom. During a concert rehearsal on July 25, 2022, a dancer fell off the stage into a void and was injured. On July 28, 2022, two dancers were hit and injured by a display panel that fell from height during a stage performance of the concert.

A spokesman for the LD said, "The judgement sends a strong message to all duty holders that they are required to protect employees' occupational safety and health (OSH) in accordance with the law. The LD safeguards the OSH of all employees in Hong Kong. The LD does not tolerate any such offences and spares no effort in prosecuting employers/occupiers of premises who defy the law."

The LD stresses that employers and occupiers of premises are required to take adequate OSH precautions pursuant to relevant provisions under the OSH law to safeguard employees' safety and health.