

# Employment agency's application for licence renewal refused

A spokesman for the Labour Department (LD) today (January 15) reminded licensees of employment agencies (EAs) to conduct their business in compliance with the law at all times.

The LD refused to renew the licence of Berkah Employment Consultant Centre located in Tsuen Wan as the licensee of this EA had been convicted under the Theft Ordinance.

Under section 53(1)(c)(ii) of the Employment Ordinance (EO), the Commissioner for Labour may refuse to issue or renew an EA licence if the licensee has, within the preceding five years, been convicted of an offence involving membership of a triad society, fraud, dishonesty or extortion.

"Licensees and operators of EAs are reminded to conduct their business in compliance with the law, including the EO and the Employment Agency Regulations, as well as the Code of Practice for EAs, at all times. Otherwise their licences may be revoked or their applications for licence renewal may be refused," the spokesman said.

This was the ninth revocation or refusal of renewal of an EA licence made by the LD in 2019.

For enquiries about matters related to EAs or complaints about their malpractices, please call the Employment Agencies Administration of the LD at 2115 3667, or visit its office at Unit 906, 9/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre, 1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon.