

Employment agency's application for licence renewal refused

A spokesman for the Labour Department (LD) today (December 7) reminded licensees and operators of employment agencies (EAs) to conduct their business in compliance with the law at all times.

The LD refused to renew the licence of Laikee Tang Advisers, located in Sai Ying Pun, as the sole director operating this EA had been convicted under the Theft Ordinance.

Under section 53(1)(d)(i) of the Employment Ordinance (EO), the Commissioner for Labour may refuse to issue or renew an EA licence if the related person of 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, 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 fourth revocation or refusal of renewal of an EA licence made by the LD in 2023.

Should there be enquiries about matters related to EAs or complaints about malpractices of EAs, please contact the Employment Agencies Administration of the LD by calling 2115 3667, sending e-mails to ea-ee@labour.gov.hk, or visiting its office at Unit 906, 9/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre, 1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon.