Man fined for illegal club operation

A man was fined \$2,000 at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (September 4) for contravening the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance.

The courts heard that in February this year, officers from the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department conducted an inspection at a club on Shau Kei Wan Main Street East which had been operating with a certificate of compliance (CoC). The staff failed to show the registered drawings upon the OLA officers' request. Condition 17 of the CoC was breached.

The man, being the manager of the club, was charged with contravening section 21(1)(a) of the Ordinance.

A spokesman for the department reminded all CoC holders to comply with the conditions as stipulated therein. Enforcement action will continue to be taken against illegal club operations.