

# Operator fined for illegal club operation

A woman was fined \$4,500 at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (December 3) for contravening the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance.

The courts heard that in May this year, officers from the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department conducted an inspection at a club on Pennington Street in Causeway Bay, which had been operating with a certificate of compliance (CoC).

OLA officers posed as customers and patronised the club for food without being asked to show their membership status or being invited to join the club as members. Condition 12 of the CoC was breached. The woman, being the CoC holder of the club, was charged with contravening section 21(2) 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.