

## Parent convicted of failure to register birth within prescribed period

A Hong Kong resident who failed to register the birth of his child within the prescribed period was convicted at Shatin Magistrates' Courts today (February 8).

The Immigration Department (ImmD) investigated a case of failure to register a birth within the prescribed period. After investigation, it was found that a man failed to register his son born in June 2017. The man was charged at Shatin Magistrates' Courts today with failure to register the birth of the baby within 42 days after the day of such birth. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to a fine of \$1,200. The birth registration of the baby boy was completed in August 2018.

The ImmD spokesman reminded parents to fulfil their obligations under the law to register the birth of a child within 42 days of such birth so that the rights to medical treatment, education and welfare benefits to which their children are entitled won't be harmed due to delays in following the relevant procedures. Failure to do so is an offence for which the maximum sentence upon summary conviction is a fine of \$2,000 or six months' imprisonment.