

Project manager, site agent, worker and site safety officer fined for violation of safety legislation

A project manager, a site agent, a worker and a site safety officer were fined \$5,000, \$5,000, \$5,000 and \$8,000 respectively at West Kowloon Magistrates' Court today (April 11) for violation of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (FIUO). The prosecutions were launched by the Labour Department (LD).

The prosecutions are taken out arising from the investigation of a fatal accident that happened on October 20, 2017, on a construction site in Tung Chung. In the course of investigation, the site project manager, the site agent and the worker failed to comply with the requirements made by Occupational Safety Officers (OSOs) of the LD for them to be examined and to sign a declaration of truth in relation to the accident investigation. Meanwhile, the site safety officer obstructed and delayed OSOs in the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the FIUO.

The LD's spokesman said, "We will not tolerate any offence of failing to comply with a requirement made by an OSO under the FIUO, or obstructing or delaying an OSO in the exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the FIUO, and will spare no efforts in prosecuting persons who defy the law."