

Recycler and construction worker convicted for illegal disposal of C&I and construction waste in Kwai Chung (with photo)

A recycler and a construction worker illegally disposed of commercial and industrial (C&I) waste and construction waste on Chun Pin Street and at the roadside of Castle Peak Road in Kwai Chung. They were fined a total of \$9,500 by Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (November 6) for contravening the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO).

An Environmental Protection Department (EPD) spokesman said that during a blitz operation in mid-April this year, a staff member of a recycling company was caught by the EPD while depositing a stack of waste wooden pallets on the pavement of Chun Pin Street. EPD officers immediately intercepted him and prosecuted the manager of the recycling company.

Separately, the EPD received a report from a member of public in late April this year that a large quantity of construction waste was deposited on the pavement of Castle Peak Road in Kwai Chung (near Po Kai Mansion). After investigation, the EPD confirmed that the construction waste came from the construction site of a nearby building. After evidence gathering, the EPD prosecuted the construction worker responsible.

The EPD spokesperson reminded those from the recycling, renovation and construction sectors that C&I waste as well as demolished construction waste should be delivered to the Government's waste treatment facilities as required by the law. It is unethical and unlawful to dispose of waste in public places and on the roadside. Under the WDO, first-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and six months' imprisonment.

