

Renovation works contractor at Elizabeth House in Wan Chai convicted for dust dispersion arising from deposition of construction waste

Asia Engineering (International) Company Limited deposited construction waste on the pavement without adopting dust emission control measures during its renovation works at Elizabeth House, 250-254 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai. It was convicted and fined \$10,000 at Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (July 30) for contravening the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation.

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) received a report from a resident of the building that renovation works at the building emitted dust, which affected nearby pedestrians and residents. EPD enforcement staff carried out an inspection on January 12 this year and found that renovation work was carried out at the building. The contractor concerned deposited construction waste on the pavement outside the building without adopting dust emission control measures, which caused dust dispersion and affected nearby pedestrians and residents. The EPD initiated prosecution against the contractor in accordance with the Regulation after investigation and evidence collection.

The spokesman said that renovation works contractors should adopt effective measures in accordance with the Regulation to prevent dust dispersion that affects nearby residents and the environment when carrying out renovation works at buildings, shopping malls or residential units. The dust control measures include erecting hoardings around works areas, duly spraying water at construction sites and using dust sheets to cover construction waste and stockpiles. First-time offenders are liable to a fine of \$25,000.