

## Two persons responsible for carrying on catering business convicted for contravening Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance

Two persons responsible for carrying on catering business were convicted of contravening sections 7(1) and 7(2) of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) and the directions in relation to catering business by the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts today (May 14) for failing to comply with the regulations of keeping a distance of at least 1.5 metres or provision of a partition as an effective buffer between tables at the premises. They were each fined \$3,000.

A spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said that during the FEHD's inspections in Sham Shui Po District on April 7, FEHD officers found that two food premises failed to comply with the above-mentioned Regulation and directions. Prosecution was therefore instituted against the persons-in-charge of the premises.

The spokesman reminded persons responsible for carrying on catering business that it is a criminal offence to contravene the above Regulation. Offenders are liable, upon conviction, to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for six months.

The spokesman said that the FEHD will continue to take enforcement action to ensure that catering business operators comply with the Regulation and directions, and also appealed for their continuous support for the anti-epidemic work.