

Works contractor of Lee Theatre Plaza in Causeway Bay convicted for illegally carrying out work at night and causing noise nuisance

The air-conditioning maintenance works contractor of Lee Theatre Plaza in Causeway Bay, Luen Shing Air-Conditioning Company Limited, used unauthorised powered mechanical equipment to carry out maintenance works at night and failed to comply with the requirements of the construction noise permit (CNP). The contractor was fined \$10,000 by Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (October 15) for contravening the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO).

An Environmental Protection Department spokesman said that the department received a complaint in March this year that the Lee Theatre Plaza was carrying out works at night and causing a noise nuisance. Upon investigation, EPD staff found that the contractor concerned had carried out night-time works using unauthorised powered mechanical equipment (derricking jib) during restricted hours (from 7pm to 7am on the next day), which violated the CNP requirements. The EPD then prosecuted the contractor after evidence gathering.

The spokesman reminded members of the construction sector that they should properly manage and arrange construction work. They must abide by the requirements of the CNP, otherwise it is an offence. Under the NCO, first-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$100,000. A maximum fine of \$200,000 may be imposed on second or subsequent convictions.