

Company fined for illegal club operation

A company was fined \$4,000 at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts today (September 25) for contravening the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance.

The courts heard that in February this year, officers from the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department conducted an inspection at a club on Cameron Road in Tsim Sha Tsui which had been operating with a certificate of compliance (CoC).

OLA officers posed as customers and patronised the club for drinks without being asked to show their membership status or being invited to join the club as members. Also, the club's staff failed to show the registered drawing upon the OLA officers' request. Conditions 17 and 19 of the CoC were breached.

The company, being the CoC holder of the club, was charged with contravening section 21(2) of the Ordinance.

A spokesman for the department reminded all CoC holders to comply with the conditions as stipulated therein. Enforcement action will continue to be taken against illegal club operations.