

Parent convicted of failure to register birth within prescribed period

A Hong Kong resident who failed to register the birth of his child within the prescribed period was convicted at Shatin Magistrates' Courts today (March 21).

The Immigration Department (ImmD) investigated a case of failure to register a birth within the prescribed period. After investigation, it was found that a man had failed to register the birth of his daughter born in August 2017. The man was charged at Shatin Magistrates' Courts today with failure to perform the birth registration of a baby within 42 days after the day of birth. He was sentenced to a fine of \$1,000. The birth registration of the baby girl was completed in July 2018.

The ImmD spokesman reminded parents to fulfil their obligations under the law to register the birth of a child within 42 days of birth so that the rights to medical treatment, education and welfare benefits to which their children are entitled won't be harmed due to delays in following the relevant procedures. Failure to do so is an offence for which the maximum sentence upon summary conviction is a fine of \$2,000 or six months' imprisonment.