

Parent convicted of failure to timely register birth

A Hong Kong resident failed to register birth of his child within the prescribed period was convicted at Shatin Magistrates' Courts yesterday (September 27).

Immigration Department (ImmD) investigated on a case of failure to register birth within the prescribed period. After investigation, it was found that one male failed to register birth of his son who was born in September 2016. The said male was charged with failure to perform the birth registration of a baby within 42 days after the day of such birth at Shatin Magistrates' Courts yesterday. He plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to a fine of \$1,500. The birth registration of the baby boy had been completed in May 2018.

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