<u>Proprietor fined for violation of safety legislation</u>

A proprietor was fined \$60,000 at Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (February 23) for violation of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance and the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear) Regulations. The prosecutions were launched by the Labour Department.

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on June 1, 2020, at a recycling yard in Yuen Long. Bundles of scrapped metal tubes were being unloaded from a lorry-mounted crane and stacked in piles. While a worker was standing on a pile of metal tubes to untie a bundle of metal tubes stacked at a higher level, the bundle suddenly dispersed. Some of the dispersed metal tubes struck the worker and caused him to fall to the ground. He was sent to the hospital and died the same day.