

Four property owners fined over \$950,000 in total for not complying with removal orders

Four property owners were convicted and fined over \$950,000 in total at the Kowloon City and Fanling Magistrates' Courts earlier this month for failing to comply with removal orders issued under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) (Cap. 123).

The first and the second cases involved several unauthorised structures with a total area of about 1 140 square metres on the roof of an industrial building at Sze Mei Street, Wong Tai Sin. As the unauthorised building works (UBWs) were carried out without prior approval and consent from the Buildings Department (BD), removal orders were served on two concerned owners respectively under section 24(1) of the BO.

Failing to comply with the removal orders, the two owners were prosecuted by the BD three times and were fined about \$265,000 and \$270,000 respectively in total upon convictions by the court. As they persisted in not complying with the removal orders, they were prosecuted for the fourth time and were fined \$152,400 and \$162,400 respectively upon conviction again at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts on July 3.

The third case involved an unauthorised structure with an area of about 6 000 sq m across 13 sections of a lot in D.D. 52, Fu Tei Au, North District. As the UBWs were carried out without prior approval and consent from the BD, 13 removal orders were served on the owner under section 24(1) of the BO.

Failing to comply with the removal orders, the owner was prosecuted by the BD last year and was fined about \$250,000 in total upon conviction by the court. As the owner persisted in not complying with the removal orders, the BD instigated prosecution again. The owner was fined \$495,020 in total, of which \$85,020 was the fine for the number of days that the offence continued, upon conviction again at the Fanling Magistrates' Courts on July 9.

The fourth case involved two unauthorised structures with a total area of about 70 sq m on the flat roof and roof of a house in The Beverly Hills, Tai Po. As the UBWs were carried out without prior approval and consent from the BD, a removal order was served on the owner under section 24(1) of the BO.

Failing to comply with the removal order, the owner was prosecuted by the BD and was fined \$138,200, of which \$118,200 was the fine for the number of days that the offence continued, upon conviction at the Fanling Magistrates' Courts on July 16.

A spokesman for the BD said today (July 30), "UBWs may lead to serious

consequences. The concerned owners must comply with the removal order without delay. The BD will continue to take enforcement actions and consider instigating prosecution against the owners again at appropriate times if they persist in not complying with the order, so as to ensure building safety."

Failure to comply with a removal order without reasonable excuse is a serious offence under the BO. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$200,000 and one year's imprisonment, and a further fine of \$20,000 for each day that the offence continues.

Appointments to new term of Advisory Committee on Recycling Fund announced

The Environment and Ecology Bureau today (July 30) announced the appointments to the new term of the Advisory Committee on Recycling Fund. Dr Daniel Yip Chung-yin has been reappointed as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, and 10 members will also continue to serve on the Advisory Committee. In addition, six new members have been appointed to the Advisory Committee, namely Ms Judy Ho Pui-suen, Mr Jude Chow Chee-ping, Ms Melanie Kwok Hoi-yee, Ms Sabrina Leung Heung-ying, Mr Harvey Liu Wing-tai and Mr Thomas Wong Cheung-chi.

The appointments are for a term of three years starting August 1, 2024.

"We welcome the new members and hope that the Advisory Committee in its new term will continue to maintain close communication with the recycling industry and stakeholders. Through various funding programmes, the Recycling Fund assists the local recycling industry in enhancing its overall operational capabilities and productivity, and help enterprises to enhance and expand their recycling operation in support of the sustainable development of the recycling industry. We also express our gratitude to the eight outgoing members, namely Dr Evelyn Lam Ho-yi, Ms Kelly Wong Ka-lei, Mr Terry Yip Man-pan, Mr Andrew Chan Shiu-shan, Prof Daniel Cheng Man-chung, Mr Teddy Cheung Ching-yeung, Mr Marvin Hsu Tsun-fai and Mr Wilson Kwong Wing-tsuen, for their contributions in this tenure," a spokesman for the Environment and Ecology Bureau said.

The Advisory Committee comprises experts, academics and people with experience in business management, business sustainability and community service, as well as representatives from various business and industry associations. Representatives of relevant government bureaux and departments, including the Environmental Protection Department, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Labour Department, the Home Affairs Department and the Trade and Industry Department, will also be invited to attend meetings for discussion as and when required.

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The membership of the new term of the Advisory Committee is as follows:

Chairperson

Dr Daniel Yip Chung-yin

Members

Ms Bonnie Chan Jo-ying

Mr Nathan Chau Cheuk-yin

Dr Chung Shan-shan

Ms Judy Ho Pui-Suen #

Dr Amie Lai Gor

Mr Nicholas Lai Yui-man

Dr Barry Lee Chi-hong

Dr Frank Leung Yat-cheong

Mr Yuet Ngai-keung

Dr Edward Chan Chi-wing

(Representative of the Business Environment Council)

Mr Jude Chow Chee-ping #

(Representative of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries)

Ms Melanie Kwok Hoi-yee #

(Representative of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce)

Prof Raymond Leung Hai-ming

(Representative of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce)

Ms Sabrina Leung Heung-ying #

(Representative of the Hong Kong Chinese Importers' & Exporters' Association)

Mr Harvey Liu Wing-tai #

(Representative of the Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies)

Mr Thomas Wong Cheung-chi #

(Representative of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong)

New member

To facilitate the operation of the Recycling Fund, the Advisory Committee was established in August 2015 to advise and make recommendations to the Government on matters relating to the overall administration and operation of the Recycling Fund. The Advisory Committee has so far approved about 2 600 applications involving a total funding of more than \$800 million.

[Appeal for information on missing man in Ngau Tau Kok \(with photo\)](#)

Police today (July 30) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Ngau Tau Kok.

Chan Wan-ming, aged 78, went missing after he left his residence in Tak Long Estate yesterday (July 29) morning. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.7 metres tall, 75 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a long face with yellow complexion and short white hair. He was last seen wearing a light blue polo shirt, blue jeans, dark-coloured sneakers, a pair of rimless glasses, a dark-coloured cap and carrying a black rucksack.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0331 or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Government announces appointment to Research Council

The Government announced today (July 30) the appointment of Professor Leung Wai-keung as a non-official member to the Research Council with effect from August 1 this year to September 30, 2025. The Research Council, chaired by the Secretary for Health, is responsible for providing strategic steer for funding health and medical research and health promotion projects, and overseeing the administration of the Health and Medical Research Fund (HMRF) including the allocation of funds for approved projects.

Professor Leung is a Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation Professor in Gastroenterology and the Clinical Professor of the Department of Medicine of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong. He has been taking part in the peer review process of the HMRF for many years.

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, expressed gratitude to the outgoing member, Professor Vivian Lin Kwang-wen, for her invaluable contribution to the Research Council.

The membership list of the Research Council is set out on the webpage of the Health Bureau: www.healthbureau.gov.hk/en/committees/research.htm.

Labour Department to hold courses and public talks on prevention of heat stroke at work and occupational health

â€‹The Labour Department (LD) regularly organises courses and public health talks on the prevention of heat stroke and occupational health to raise awareness among both employers and employees regarding occupational health.

Details of eight courses and health talks on the prevention of heat stroke at work in August are as follows:

(1)

Dates and Time: August 1 and 19 (Half-day (am));

August 7, 12 and 28 (Half-day (pm))

Venue: Occupational Safety and Health Training Centre of the LD, 13/F, KOLOUR·Tsuen Wan I, 68 Chung On Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories

Enrolment method: Download the application form

(www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/form.htm)

Enquiry hotline: 2940 7057

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Dates and Time: August 2 and 15 (Half-day (am))

Venue: Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Centre of the LD, G/F, Kwun Tong Community Health Centre Building, 60 Hip Wo Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon

Enrolment method: Online registration of courses in OSH Centre

(www.oshsreg.gov.hk/en)

Enquiry hotline: 2361 8240

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Date and Time: August 21 (3.30pm to 5pm)

Venue: Lecture Theatre, Hong Kong Central Library, 66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Enrolment method: Online registration of public talks on occupational health

(www.oshsreg.gov.hk/en)

Enquiry hotline: 2852 4040

In addition, the LD will hold the following occupational health public talks in August:

(1)

Topic: Happy Workplace

Content: The talk will explain the importance and essential elements of creating a happy workplace.

Date and Time: August 6 (3.30pm to 4.45pm)

Venue: Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Centre of the LD, G/F, Kwun Tong Community Health Centre Building, 60 Hip Wo Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon

Enrolment method: Online registration (www.oshsreg.gov.hk/en)

Enquiry hotline: 2852 4040

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Topic: Work and Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Diseases

Content: The talk will introduce healthy lifestyles and tips on protecting the heart and brain in the workplace to enhance employers' and employees' awareness of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases.

Date and Time: August 14 (6.30pm to 7.45pm)

Venue: Lecture Theatre, Hong Kong Central Library, 66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Enrolment method: Online registration (www.oshsreg.gov.hk/en)

Enquiry hotline: 2852 4040

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Topic: Manual Handling Operations and Prevention of Back Injuries

Content: The talk will introduce the structure and functions of the back, causes and preventive measures of back injuries, and proper manual handling operations, with demonstrations and practice of workplace exercises.

Date and Time: August 29 (3.30pm to 5pm)

Venue: Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Space Museum, 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

Enrolment method: Online registration (www.oshsreg.gov.hk/en)

Enquiry hotline: 2852 4040

All courses and public talks will be given by the LD's occupational hygienist, occupational safety officer or occupational health nurse in Cantonese. Admission is free.

The LD also provides a free-of-charge outreach health education service. For details, please visit the department's webpage (www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/content7.htm) or call 2852 4062.