

Two company directors sentenced to 160 hours' community service orders for contravening Employment Ordinance

Two directors of Yuen Fat Lung Group Company Limited were prosecuted by the Labour Department (LD) for failing to pay two employees' wages and the sums awarded by Labour Tribunal (LT) in contravention of the Employment Ordinance (EO). The two directors pleaded guilty earlier at Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts and were each sentenced to 160 hours' community service order today (March 29).

The company failed to pay wages to the two employees as required by the EO, and the total awarded sum of about \$57,000 within 14 days after the date set by the LT. The directors concerned were convicted for their consent, connivance or neglect in the above offences.

"The ruling helps disseminate a strong message to all employers, directors and responsible officers of companies that they have to pay employees' wages within the time limit stipulated in the EO and awarded sums as ordered by the LT or the Minor Employment Claims Adjudication Board," a spokesman for the LD said.

"The LD will not tolerate these offences and will continue to make dedicated efforts in enforcing the law and safeguarding employees' statutory rights," the spokesman added.