

## 42 polluters fined over one month

FORTY-TWO companies and individuals were convicted for pollution offences last month and received fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$30,000.

Cheuk Kin Trading Ltd was fined \$30,000 for a third noise offence.

Friendwill Bleaching and Dyeing of Kwai Chung went to court for two offences last month, both involving excessive smoke emissions, and was fined \$5,000 each time.

The convictions were listed in the Environmental Protection Department's monthly report.

The higher penalties were for water pollution offences, which carry a maximum penalty of \$100,000, while the lower ones were mostly for air pollution and dumping at sea, where the maximums are \$20,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

Other repeat offenders were Gammon Construction, fined \$10,000 for a fourth noise offence; Cheung Moon-wah, fined \$10,000 for a second noise offence; and Kwong Yat-nam and May Jade Company, each fined \$2,000 for a second noise offence.