

**Inspection Visits to Cheoy Le Shipyard
at Penny's Bay by the Labour Department**

According to our records, the main industry of Cheoy Lee Shipyard at Penny's Bay was manufacturing of fibreglass ships. The main industrial processes were moulding of fibreglass and painting. There were small scale rolling and cutting of metals, welding, casting and electroplating processes. The workforce varied from 20 to 200 workers with a peak of 360 workers working at the site.

In the past 10 years, staff of the Labour Department has conducted 16 safety and health inspections to the shipyard. A total of over 200 warnings were given and 5 prosecutions were taken against the proprietor. All warnings issued were related to machine safety such as machine guarding, lifting gear as well as chemical labelling, and were not related to the exposure of workers to hazardous chemicals. All the prosecutions were in connection with lack of machine guarding and lack of eye protectors. All the assessments conducted in these visits revealed that the workers were not exposed to a significant level of heavy metals fumes.