



**COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)  
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE**

**MAGISTRATE DR.  
JACQUELINE PADOVANI**

Sitting of the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

Number 345/2010

**POLICE  
INSPECTOR GEOFFREY AZZOPARDI  
VS  
HOU WEN TAO**

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against the accused Hou Wen Tao, 27 years, son of Jie Hou and Bao nee' Wang, born in China on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1983, residing at Golden Sun, Pitkali Road, Attard with having an Identification Card bearing the number 25993A.

And charge him with having on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and in the previous days in Malta:

1. taken in his employment, or gave work to, any person who was not an exempt person and was not in possession of a license granted to him/her for the purpose of such employment or work under the provisions of

Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta; [Article 32 (1) (b), Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta];

2. as the person responsible of the establishment Hua Xin Massage Centre and Golden Horse restaurant in Pitkali Road, Attard, employed a person who is not a citizen of Malta, when this person did not possess a valid and official permit; [Article 7 of Legal Notice 110 of 1993];

3. as an employer, who employs another person whole-time, part-time or otherwise under a definite or indefinite contract or on probation, failed to notify the Employment and Training Corporation of such employment. [Article 3 (a) of Legal Notice 110 of 1993].

Having heard the evidence tendered on oath;

Having seen the record of the proceedings;

Having heard the plea of guilt registered by the accused;

Having heard the confirmation of the plea of guilt, after that the Court accorded a reasonable time for reconsideration;

Having heard the oral submissions;

Deliberates:

On the strength of the registration of a guilty plea by the accused, the Court finds the accused Hou Wen Tao guilty as charged and after having seen Articles 32(1)(b) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta, Articles 3(a) and 7 of Legal Notice 110 of 1993, condemns the accused Hou Wen Tao to the payment of a fine of one thousand two hundred and eighty one euros (€ 1281) which fine shall be paid by monthly installments within a six (6) month period.

This punishment was awarded after the Court took in to consideration the facts of the case, the registration of a guilty plea in the early stages of the proceedings and the clean criminal record of the accused.

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