

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cannabis buds worth about \$2.3 million at airport (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (November 23) detected a drug trafficking case involving baggage concealment at Hong Kong International Airport and seized about 10 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds with an estimated market value of about \$2.3 million.

Two female passengers, aged 38 and 44, arrived in Hong Kong from Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. During Customs clearance, Customs officers found a total of about 10kg of suspected cannabis buds inside their check-in suitcases. They were subsequently arrested.

The two arrested persons have each been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. The case will be brought up at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (November 25).

Customs will continue to step up enforcement against drug trafficking activities through intelligence analysis. The department also reminds members of the public to stay alert and not participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary return. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items into and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people.

Customs will continue to apply a risk assessment approach and focus on selecting passengers from high-risk regions for clearance to combat transnational drug trafficking activities.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).



Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (November 26) to consider an application for renewal of a liquor licence.

The application is:

Kowloon:

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Hong Kong Harbour Restaurant in Sham Shui Po

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Red flags hoisted at some beaches

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (November 24) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach

and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Nurturing legal talent via secondment

To boost Hong Kong as an international legal and dispute resolution services centre in the Asia-Pacific Region, the Department of Justice (DoJ) nurtures legal talent to empower them to become well-versed in international law via secondment programmes.

News.gov.hk spoke with representatives from the DoJ and international organisations collaborating on the secondment arrangements to discover the features and merits of such programmes. Plus, previous secondees working overseas, including a barrister and a solicitor, also shared their experiences and insights.

The story is available at www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature today (November 24) in text and video format.

Missing man in Kwun Tong located

Â Â Â Â Â A man who went missing in Kwun Tong has been located.

Â Â Â Zhang Zeng-hui, aged 61, went missing after he was last seen at MTR Yau Tong Station on November 9 afternoon. His family then made a report to Police.

Â Â Â Â Â The man was located in a hospital on Lok Man Road in Chai Wan yesterday (November 22) afternoon. He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.