

## Hong Kong Customs and Macao Judiciary Police strengthen co-operation to step up enforcement action against transnational drug trafficking activities (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs and the Macao Judiciary Police (MJP) conducted a joint operation in January this year to combat transnational drug trafficking activities. A total of about 7.5 litres of suspected liquid cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$9.7 million (worth about MOP25 million in Macao) were seized.

During the operation, Hong Kong Customs inspected two air express parcels from France and Argentina being transshipped to Macao through Hong Kong and suspected there were dangerous drugs concealed inside. The parcels concerned were then handed over to the MJP for a controlled delivery operation. The MJP later arrested two men, aged 19 and 39, after discovering that they were the parcel receivers.

Hong Kong Customs will continue to maintain a close partnership with the MJP and overseas law enforcement agencies to combat transnational drug trafficking activities using postal parcel and express courier channels through intelligence exchanges and joint enforcement actions.

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 Hong Kong Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

