Hong Kong Customs combats crossboundary counterfeit goods activities (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs conducted an operation between January and April to combat cross-boundary counterfeit goods destined for the United States. A total of about 55 000 suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$7 million were seized.

Hong Kong Customs has been working closely with the US Customs and Border Protection using intelligence exchanges, and took targeted enforcement action between January and April including stepped up inspection of suspicious express courier parcels destined for the United States.

During the operation, Hong Kong Customs seized a total of about 55 000 suspected counterfeit goods including mobile phone accessories, clothing, leather goods and footwear, effectively curbing cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities.

Hong Kong Customs will continue working closely with overseas law enforcement agencies to combat cross-boundary counterfeiting activities through intelligence exchanges and joint enforcement actions.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trade mark is applied commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected counterfeiting activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

