

Hong Kong Customs detects incoming passenger drug trafficking case involving suspected cannabis buds at airport (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 5) detected an incoming passenger drug trafficking case at Hong Kong International Airport and seized about 1.2 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds with an estimated market value of about \$240,000.

A 32-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. During customs clearance, Customs officers found 24 bags of suspected cannabis buds, with a total weight of about 1.2kg, inside his checked-in suitcase and hand-carry baggage. Most of the drugs were concealed inside some snacks packaging while the rest were concealed inside different items. Customs officers arrested the man subsequently.

An investigation is ongoing.

Following the resumption of normal travel and exchanges with the Mainland and other parts of the world, the number of visitors to Hong Kong has also been increasing steadily. 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 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

