

[Hong Kong Customs detects two dangerous drugs cases and seizes suspected drugs worth about \\$10 million \(with photos\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs detected two dangerous drugs cases in Hong Kong International Airport, Fanling and Tai Po on October 27 and yesterday (October 28) and seized a total of about 8 kilograms of suspected cocaine and about 20kg of suspected cannabis buds with a total estimated market value of about \$10 million. Three persons suspected to be connected with the cases were arrested.

The first case involved one male passenger and one female passenger, aged 64 and 59, who arrived in Hong Kong from Paris, France, on October 27. During customs clearance, Customs officers seized a total of about 8kg of suspected cocaine concealed in their check-in suitcases. The two persons were subsequently arrested.

In the second case, during an anti-narcotics operation conducted in the vicinity of Fanling yesterday afternoon, Customs intercepted a 28-year-old man and found about 1.5kg of suspected cannabis buds inside two recycle bags carried by him. He was then arrested. Customs officers later further seized about 15kg of suspected cannabis buds from his private vehicle parked nearby. Upon a follow-up investigation, the man was brought to a village house rented by him in Tai Po for a search, and about 3.5kg of suspected cannabis buds and a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia were uncovered. About 20kg of suspected cannabis buds in total were seized in the operation.

All arrestees in the two cases claimed to be unemployed. The arrested man and woman in the first case have been jointly charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (October 30), while the man arrested in the second case has been charged with three counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at the Fanling Magistrates' Courts tomorrow.

Customs reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to 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.

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 1828080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

