

Hong Kong Customs makes record cocaine seizure in town (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs seized a total of about 250 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$240 million in To Kwa Wan, Yau Ma Tei and Tsim Sha Tsui on April 25. This is a record in-town seizure of suspected cocaine by the Hong Kong Customs.

During an anti-narcotics operation in To Kwa Wan in the evening on April 25, Customs officers intercepted a man and found about 52 kilograms of suspected cocaine inside his rucksack and suitcase. The 24-year-old man was then arrested.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers escorted the arrested man to a residential premises nearby and a hotel room in Yau Ma Tei, where about 49 kilograms and 119 kilograms of suspected cocaine were further seized respectively.

Customs officers also arrested another 44-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in Tsim Sha Tsui. He was escorted to a residential unit nearby where about 30 kilograms of suspected cocaine were seized.

Investigation is ongoing.

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 the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

