

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

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (April 3) seized about 91 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$100 million in Sha Tin. This is a record quantity for a seizure of suspected cocaine by Customs in town.

During an anti-narcotics operation in Sha Tin yesterday afternoon, Customs officers intercepted a man and found about 4 kilograms of suspected cocaine inside his rucksack. The 41-year-old man was then arrested.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers escorted the arrested man to a residential premises nearby, where about 87kg of suspected cocaine as well as a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia were further seized.

Customs believes a suspected dangerous drugs storage centre has been smashed.

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

