Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cannabis buds worth about \$1.2 million (with photo)

 $\hat{a} \in \text{Hong Kong Customs yesterday}$ (August 6) seized about 4.5 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds with an estimated market value of about \$1.2 million in Hung Hom and Jordan. A man suspected to be connected with the case was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in the vicinity of Hung Hom yesterday evening, Customs officers intercepted a 41-year-old man and found about 1kg of suspected cannabis buds inside a recycle bag carried by him. He was then arrested. Customs officers later escorted the man to his rented subdivided flat in Jordan for a search, and further seized about 3.5kg of suspected cannabis buds there.

The arrested man, who claimed to be a construction worker, has been charged with two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (August 8).

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 crimereporting email account (<u>crimereport@customs.gov.hk</u>) or online form (<u>eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002</u>).

