<u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>cocaine and suspected crack cocaine</u> <u>worth about \$3.8 million (with photo)</u>

â€<Hong Kong Customs yesterday (March 24) seized about 3.5 kilograms of suspected cocaine and about 450 grams of suspected crack cocaine with a total estimated market value of about \$3.8 million in Tai Wai. A man was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Tai Wai last night, Customs officers intercepted a 28-year-old man and found about 180g of suspected crack cocaine inside a plastic bag carried by him. The man was subsequently arrested.

Customs officers later escorted the arrested man to a residential premises nearby for a search and further seized about 3.5kg of suspected cocaine, about 270g of suspected crack cocaine and a batch of drug manufacturing and packaging paraphernalia.

An 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).

