Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine at airport (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (December 2) seized about 850 grams of suspected cocaine, with an estimated market value of about \$730,000 at Hong Kong International Airport and arrested an incoming female.

The 32-year-old woman arrived in Hong Kong from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia yesterday. Upon examination of her check-in luggage, the batch of suspected cocaine was found inside the false compartments of four perfume bottles and two antiperspirants. The woman was arrested and an investigation is ongoing.

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 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

