Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (December 23) seized about 2.1 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$2.4 million at the Hong Kong International Airport.

A female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Johannesburg, South Africa last night. During customs clearance, a batch of suspected cocaine was found inside her hand-carried handbag and the false compartments in her shoes' bottom parts.

The woman, aged 43, was then arrested. 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).

