Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 1.35 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$1.51 million at the Hong Kong International Airport yesterday (December 25).

A 41-year-old female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Johannesburg, South Africa yesterday morning. During Customs clearance, one packet of suspected cocaine with a weight of about 1.35 kilograms was found being packed on her body.

The woman was then arrested.

The arrested woman was charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. She will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (December 27).

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

