

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (December 26) seized about 600 grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$680,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

A female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Sao Paulo, Brazil via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia yesterday afternoon. During Customs clearance, the batch of suspected cocaine was found concealed inside the interlining of the jacket worn by her and three pieces of clothes inside her baggage. The woman was then arrested.

The arrested woman, aged 19, has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. She will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (December 28).

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).

