

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (May 5) seized about 1 kilogram of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$970,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

A female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Lima, Peru yesterday. During Customs clearance, a slab of suspected cocaine was found concealed inside the false compartment of her suitcase. The woman was then arrested.

The arrested woman, aged 21, has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. She will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (May 7).

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).

