Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 3) seized about three kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$2.9 million at the Hong Kong International Airport.

A female passenger arrived at Hong Kong from Sao Paulo, Brazil via Doha, Qatar yesterday afternoon. During customs clearance, the suspected cocaine was found being concealed inside false compartments of her briefcase. The woman was then arrested.

The arrested woman, aged 60, has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. She will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (August 5).

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).

