Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 11) seized about 2.2 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$2.2 million at the Hong Kong International Airport.

A female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Johannesburg, South Africa yesterday afternoon. During customs clearance, the suspected cocaine was found being concealed inside false compartments of her computer bag. The woman was then arrested.

The arrested person, aged 38, has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. She will appear at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (August 13).

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).

