## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 1.5 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$1.9 million at Lok Ma Chau Control Point on November 26.

Customs officers at Lok Ma Chau Control Point on that day intercepted an express parcel, which arrived in Hong Kong from Africa via Shenzhen, declared as containing oil filters. Upon inspection, the batch of suspected cocaine was found concealed inside three metal oil filters.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (November 28) arrested a 35-year-old woman suspected to be in connection with the case in Sha Tin.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel and express courier channels.

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).

