

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 1 kilogram of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$1.1 million at Lok Ma Chau Control Point on July 8.

Customs officers inspected a parcel arriving in Hong Kong from Malaysia via the Mainland at Lok Ma Chau Control Point on that day and found the batch of suspected cocaine concealed inside 24 cake packages.

Upon follow-up investigation, Customs officers arrested a 38-year-old man yesterday (July 9) suspected to be in connection with the case in Lai Chi Kok.

Investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

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

