

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 400 grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$580,000 at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) on September 18.

Customs officers on that day inspected an air parcel that had arrived in Hong Kong from Spain at HKIA and found the batch of suspected cocaine concealed inside the false compartments of a carton.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (September 23) arrested a 33-year-old man and a 43-year-old woman suspected to be in connection with the case in Yuen Long. A set of suspected drug-inhaling apparatus was also seized at the residential unit of the arrested woman.

Investigation is ongoing.

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

