

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (November 19) seized about 780 grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$810,000 from a female passenger at Hong Kong International Airport.

A 30-year-old female transit passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Nairobi, Kenya, via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, for onward transit to Macao yesterday. A pellet of suspected cocaine was found on her upon Customs clearance and she was escorted to hospital for examination.

Subsequently, the woman discharged a batch of suspected cocaine. She was then arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

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).

