

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 520 grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$540,000 from a passenger arriving at Hong Kong International Airport yesterday (December 2).

A 28-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Sao Paulo, Brazil, via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, yesterday. A pellet of suspected cocaine was found inside his baggage upon Customs clearance and he was escorted to hospital for examination.

Subsequently, the man discharged a batch of suspected cocaine. He 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).

