

# Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 12.5 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$12.3 million at Hong Kong International Airport on July 27.

Customs officers inspected an air consignment arriving in Hong Kong from Brazil on July 27 and found the batch of suspected cocaine concealed inside packages of food powder. A 62-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case was arrested. He has been released on bail pending further investigation.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (July 29) further arrested a 27-year-old woman and a 29-year-old man in Kwai Chung suspected to be in connection with the case. A batch of drug packaging paraphernalia was also seized at a premises in the district.

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](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

