## <u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>cocaine worth about \$1.7 million (with</u> <u>photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (January 9) seized about 2 kilograms of suspected cocaine in Sau Mau Ping with an estimated market value of about \$1.7 million. A 28-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman were arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Sau Mau Ping last night, Customs officers intercepted the above-mentioned persons and seized about 2kg of suspected cocaine in a rucksack carried by the woman. They were subsequently arrested.

The arrested woman has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (January 11), while the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

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 182 8080 or its dedicated crimereporting email account (<u>crimereport@customs.gov.hk</u>) or online form (<u>eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002</u>).

