

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine worth about \$19 million (with photo)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 10) seized about 24 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$19 million in Tuen Mun. A man was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in the vicinity of Tuen Mun yesterday afternoon, Customs intercepted a man. Upon inspection, no contraband was found on the man. However, Customs officers found him suspicious and thus escorted him to a rented premises nearby for further search. Later, Customs officers seized the batch of suspected cocaine inside the premises and immediately arrested the man.

The arrested man is 33 years old and claimed to be a driver. He has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (September 12).

Customs reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary return. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people.

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) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/).

