## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine worth about \$5.5 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 29) seized about 7 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$5.5 million in Tsing Yi and one man was arrested.

Customs yesterday inspected an express parcel, which was declared as carrying a transformer, arriving from the Mainland at an express courier service centre in Tsing Yi. After inspection, Customs officers found about 7kg of suspected cocaine was concealed inside the transformer. Customs officers subsequently mounted a controlled delivery operation today (August 30) and arrested a 21-year-old man receiving the parcel suspected to be connected with the case in Tai Po.

An investigation is ongoing.

Customs reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary return. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items into and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people, nor to release their personal data or home address to others for receiving parcels or goods.

Customs will continue to maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel or express courier channels.

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 (<a href="mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk">crimereport@customs.gov.hk</a>) or online form (<a href="mailto:eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/">eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/</a>).

