

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine worth about \$6 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs today (December 21) seized about 7 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$6 million in Yau Tong. A man was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Yau Tong this morning, Customs officers spotted a suspicious medium goods vehicle and found the batch of suspected cocaine upon searching. A 39-year-old man in the vehicle was subsequently arrested.

An investigation is ongoing.

With the Christmas and New Year holidays approaching, Customs believes that the local demand for drugs will be increased. The department will therefore further step up enforcement action to fiercely combat different kinds of dangerous drug trafficking activities before the long holidays.

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).

