## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized more than 700 suspected counterfeit goods, including some 500 mobile phones and 100 portable media players with an estimated market value of about \$700,000 in Tsing Yi on February 12.

Acting on information, Customs officers inspected 74 outbound express consignments destined for the United States and countries in Europe at an express courier service centre in Tsing Yi. Upon inspection, the batch of suspected counterfeit goods was seized among those consignments.

Investigation is ongoing.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trade mark is applied commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected counterfeiting 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>).

