<u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>counterfeit goods worth about \$6.5</u> <u>million (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs seized about 22 000 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$6.5 million at the Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal on June 8.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers on that day inspected a 40foot container arriving in Hong Kong from Nansha, Guangdong. Upon inspection, Customs officers seized the batch of suspected counterfeit goods in the container, including mobile phones and accessories, clothing and ornaments.

Initial investigations revealed that the batch of suspected counterfeit goods would have been re-exported to African countries.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to strengthen co-operation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies and take stringent enforcement action against cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities.

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 (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

