

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected crack cocaine and suspected liquid crack cocaine worth about \$2.3 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 20) seized about 1.3 kilograms of suspected crack cocaine and about 550 grams of suspected liquid crack cocaine with a total estimated market value of about \$2.3 million in Kowloon Tong. A man was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Kowloon Tong yesterday afternoon, Customs officers intercepted a man and found about 550g of suspected liquid crack cocaine inside his paper bag. The man was subsequently arrested. Customs officers later escorted the man to a residential premises nearby for a search and further seized about 1.3kg of suspected crack cocaine and a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia there.

The arrested man, who claimed to be unemployed, is 33 years old. He has been charged with two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (September 22).

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/).

