

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected crack cocaine worth about \\$1.38 million \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 1) seized about 1.1 kilograms of suspected crack cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$1.38 million in Tseung Kwan O. A man was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Tseung Kwan O yesterday afternoon, Customs officers intercepted a man and found the batch of suspected crack cocaine inside a paper bag carried by him. The man was subsequently arrested. Customs officers later escorted the man to a residential premises nearby for a search and further seized a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia there.

The arrested man, who claimed to be unemployed, is 18 years old and has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (September 3).

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).

