Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected crack cocaine worth about \$600,000 (with photo)

â€<Hong Kong Customs today (October 21) seized about 500 grams of suspected crack cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$600,000 in Tuen Mun. A man was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in the vicinity of Tuen Mun this early morning, Customs intercepted a man. Although no dangerous drugs were found on the man, Customs officers found him suspicious and thus escorted him to a nearby residential premises for a search. Upon inspection, the batch of suspected crack cocaine was seized inside the premises and the man was immediately arrested.

The arrested man, who claimed to be unemployed, is 22 years old. He has been charged with a count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at the Shatin Magistrates' Courts next Monday (October 23).

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 crimereporting email account (<u>crimereport@customs.gov.hk</u>) or online form (<u>eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002</u>).

