## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized a total of about 4 kilograms of suspected 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) with an estimated market value of about \$600,000 at Hong Kong International Airport and Chai Wan on January 4 and yesterday (January 9).

Customs officers inspected an air parcel arriving in Hong Kong from Germany on January 4 and found the batch of suspected dangerous drugs concealed in food packages inside 14 paper boxes.

Upon follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday arrested a 41-year-old woman and a 42-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in Chai Wan. A small amount of suspected MDMA was further seized at the woman's residential unit in the same district.

The arrested woman has been charged with two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug. She will appear at Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (January 11). The arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcels and express courier channels.

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 (<a href="mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk">crimereport@customs.gov.hk</a>).

