Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 3.7 kilograms of suspected ketamine and about 2.5kg of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$4.9 million at Hong Kong International Airport on May 15.

Customs officers inspected an air consignment arriving in Hong Kong from the Netherlands on that day and found the batch of suspected ketamine and suspected cocaine concealed inside 25 brick boxes.

Customs officers yesterday (May 21) conducted a follow-up investigation in Mong Kok. A small quantity of suspected methamphetamine and a drug-inhaling apparatus were further seized inside the private car of a man suspected to be connected with the case. The man was then arrested.

The arrested man, aged 37, has been charged with one count of possession in a dangerous drug and one count of possession of apparatus fit and intended for the inhalation of a dangerous drug. He will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts on May 25.

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 (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

