

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

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (May 20) seized about 330 grams of suspected crack cocaine, about 200g of suspected ketamine, about 6g of suspected nimetazepam and about 100g of cookies suspected of containing tetrahydro-cannabinol (THC) with a total estimated market value of about \$620,000 in Sha Tin.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Sha Tin yesterday evening, Customs officers intercepted a man and raided a hotel room rented by him. The batch of suspected dangerous drugs and a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia were seized. The 23-year-old man was then arrested.

An investigation is ongoing.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (DDO), trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Customs reminds members of the public that THC is classified as dangerous drugs under the DDO. Importation of products containing THC into Hong Kong is prohibited unless the relevant provisions in the DDO are complied with. In order to avoid breaching the law inadvertently, special attention should be paid to the packaging labels of relevant products.

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](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

