Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 440 grams of suspected cocaine and about 1.5 kilograms of suspected heroin at Hong Kong International Airport on September 7 and yesterday (September 27) respectively. The total estimated market value is about \$1.8 million.

Customs officers inspected an express parcel from Ecuador on September 7 and found the suspected cocaine concealed between layers of four wooden boxes. After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday arrested a 40-year-old woman suspected to be in connection with the case in Yuen Long.

Also, a 30-year-old male passenger and a 22-year-old female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, yesterday afternoon. During Customs clearance, they were found to each have two packets of suspected heroin strapped around them. A small amount of suspected dangerous drugs and a set of drug inhaling apparatus were also found inside the baggage carried by the male passenger. Both of them were then arrested.

Investigations are ongoing.

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).

