## <u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>dangerous drugs worth about \$1.5</u> <u>million (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 15) seized about 1 kilogram of suspected cocaine and 600 grams of suspected crack cocaine with a total estimated market value of about \$1.5 million in Tai Kok Tsui. A man suspected to be connected with the case was arrested.

Through intelligence analysis and in-depth investigations, Customs officers intercepted a 30-year-old man in Tai Kok Tsui yesterday afternoon and found about 500g of suspected crack cocaine inside a plastic bag carried by him. He was then arrested. Customs officers later escorted the man to his rented residential flat in Tai Kok Tsui for a search, and further seized about 1kg of suspected cocaine and 100g of suspected crack cocaine.

The arrested man, who claimed to be unemployed, has been charged with two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (August 17).

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>).

