<u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>dangerous drugs worth about \$12</u> <u>million (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (April 28) conducted an anti-narcotics operation in Tsim Sha Tsui and seized a total of about 12 kilograms of suspected liquid cocaine with a total estimated market value of about \$12 million. Two men suspected of being connected with the case were arrested.

Through intelligence analysis and in-depth investigations, Customs yesterday afternoon intercepted a 33-year-old foreign man at a hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui and found about 12kg of suspected liquid cocaine contained in white wine bottles inside a plastic bag and suitcase carried by him. He was then arrested. Another 23-year-old foreign man suspected to be connected with the case was later arrested in the hotel room.

An investigation is 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 crimereporting email account (<u>crimereport@customs.gov.hk</u>) or online form (<u>eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/</u>).

