<u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>dangerous drugs worth about \$2.5</u> <u>million (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (November 7) seized a total of about 10 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds, 2kg of gummy candies containing suspected tetrahydro-cannabinol (THC) and 539 vape sticks containing suspected THC, with a total estimated market value of about \$2.5 million, in Yuen Long. One man suspected to be connected with the case was arrested.

In the morning yesterday, Customs officers in Yuen Long intercepted a 35-year-old man and found a batch of suspected cannabis buds, gummy candies containing suspected THC and vapes containing suspected THC inside a recycle bag carried by him. The man was then arrested.

Customs officers later escorted the man to his rented residential flat in Yuen Long for a search and further seized a batch of suspected cannabis buds, gummy candies and vapes containing suspected THC and a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia.

The arrested man, who claimed to be unemployed, has been charged with two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug. The case will be brought up at the Fanling Magistrate's Court tomorrow (November 9).

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 182 8080 or its dedicated crimereporting email account (<u>crimereport@customs.gov.hk</u>) or online form (<u>eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002</u>).

