

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs worth about \$28 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 22) seized a total of about 36 kilograms of assorted drugs with a total estimated market value of \$28 million. Two women and one man, aged between 23 and 25, were arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in the vicinity of Sheung Shui yesterday, Customs officers suspected a residential unit was being used for drug trafficking activities. Customs officers therefore raided the unit and seized a total of about 36 kg of assorted drugs, including about 17 kg of suspected cocaine, about 8 kg of suspected crack cocaine, about 6 kg of suspected cannabis buds and about 5 kg of suspected 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA). The estimated market value of the drugs seized amounted to about \$28 million. A batch of suspected chemicals and suspected drug paraphernalia were also seized at the scene.

Two women and one man, aged between 23 and 25, were arrested by Customs officers at the scene.

The three arrested persons have been jointly charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. They will appear at the Fanling Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (June 24).

The department will continue to strengthen intelligence exchange and co-operation with Mainland and overseas law enforcement agents to combat drug trafficking activities on all fronts.

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) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/).

