Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs worth about \$30.1 million (with photo)

â€<Hong Kong Customs on November 23 and yesterday (November 24) seized about 24 kilograms of suspected liquid cocaine and assorted types of suspected dangerous drugs with an estimated market value of about \$30.1 million at Hong Kong International Airport and Fanling. A man and three women were arrested.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers on November 23 intercepted an incoming female passenger at the airport and found 12 kilograms of suspected liquid cocaine concealed inside eight wine bottles from her luggage. The 27-year-old female passenger was immediately arrested.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday arrested a 33-year-old woman suspected to be connected with the case in Tsim Sha Tsui, and arrested an 18-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in Fanling. About 26.8 grams of suspected crack cocaine were found during a search on the man. Customs officers then conducted a search at the man's residence in Fanling and further seized 12 kilograms of suspected liquid cocaine concealed inside eight wine bottles and about 500 grams of assorted suspected dangerous drugs. A 17-year-old woman inside the premises was also arrested.

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 crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/).

