## <u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>dangerous drugs worth about \$6.1</u> <u>million (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 28) seized about 6 kilograms of suspected cocaine with a total estimated market value of about \$6.1 million in Causeway Bay. A man suspected to be connected with the case was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in the vicinity of Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon, Customs officers intercepted a 41-year-old man and found about 5kg of suspected cocaine inside a plastic bag carried by him. He was then arrested. Customs officers later escorted the arrested man to his rented hotel room nearby for a search, and further seized in total about 1kg of suspected cocaine which was camouflaged as 30 packets of agar-agar powder.

Upon investigation, the arrested man was charged with two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (September 30).

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

