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

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (April 7) seized about 3 kilograms of suspected cocaine, about 2.1kg of suspected ketamine and about 1.6kg of suspected crack cocaine with a total estimated market value of about \$6.1 million in Kai Tak. Two men were arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Kai Tak yesterday evening, Customs officers intercepted a 24-year-old man and found about 420 grams of suspected ketamine inside a paper bag carried by him. The man was subsequently arrested.

Customs officers later escorted the arrested man to a residential premises nearby for a search and further seized about 3kg of suspected cocaine, about 1.7kg of suspected ketamine, about 1.6kg of suspected crack cocaine and a batch of drug manufacturing and packaging paraphernalia. A 21-year-old man inside the premises was 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).

