

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected drugs (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 5 kilograms of suspected ketamine and about 1.4 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$5 million in total at Hong Kong International Airport yesterday (June 8) and today (June 9) respectively.

Two female passengers, aged 52 and 22 respectively, arrived in Hong Kong from Vientiane, Laos, via Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. During Customs clearance, the batch of suspected ketamine was found concealed in the false compartments of their suitcases. The two women were then arrested.

Also, a female passenger aged 31 arrived in Hong Kong from Johannesburg, South Africa, today. During Customs clearance, the batch of suspected cocaine was found concealed inside the false compartment of her suitcase. The woman was then arrested.

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).

