Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ecstasy (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 1.9 kilograms of suspected ecstasy with an estimated market value of about \$310,000 at the Hong Kong International Airport on May 8. A woman was arrested yesterday (May 13).

Customs officers examined an air postal packet arrived from Germany on May 8 and found the suspected ecstasy concealed between layers of the carton box.

Upon follow-up investigation, officers yesterday arrested a 37-year-old woman in Tsim Sha Tsui suspected to be connected with the case.

The arrested woman has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (May 15).

Customs reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary return. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items into and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people, nor to release their personal data or home address to others for receiving parcels or goods.

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).

