

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ecstasy (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 5 600 tablets of suspected ecstasy with an estimated market value of about \$330,000 at Hong Kong International Airport on May 21.

Customs officers on that day inspected an air postal packet that had arrived in Hong Kong from Germany and found the batch of suspected ecstasy concealed between layers of the carton box.

Upon follow-up investigation, Customs officers today (May 24) arrested a 25-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in Tung Chung.

Investigation is ongoing.

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.

Customs will continue to maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel or express courier channels.

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).

