

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ecstasy (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (October 16) seized about 5 200 tablets of suspected ecstasy with an estimated market value of about \$370,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

Customs officers inspected an air mail parcel arriving in Hong Kong from the Netherlands yesterday and found the batch of suspected ecstasy concealing inside sealed packages of chocolate.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers today (October 17) arrested a 65-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case in Ngau Tau Kok.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will 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 drugs 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).

