Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected heroin inside air parcel (with photo)

â€<Hong Kong Customs seized about 610 grams of suspected heroin with an estimated market value of about \$900,000 at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) on September 2.

Customs officers on that day inspected an air parcel that had arrived in Hong Kong from Malaysia, declared as carrying letter boards, photo frames and coin banks, at HKIA and found the batch of suspected heroin concealed inside the false compartments of two letter boards.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (September 14) arrested a 25-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case in Sha Tin.

The arrested man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at Shatin Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (September 16).

Customs will continue to maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcels 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).

