<u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>heroin (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 29) seized about 1.5 kilograms of suspected heroin with an estimated market value of about \$1.3 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

A male passenger and a female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia yesterday afternoon. During Customs clearance, a total of four packets of suspected heroin were found inside the false compartments of the shoes worn by them. They were then arrested.

The 29-year-old man and 22-year-old woman have been jointly charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. They will appear at Fanling Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (October 1).

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 the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

