

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected heroin (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (October 1) seized about 700 grams of suspected heroin with an estimated market value of about \$600,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

A male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, yesterday afternoon. During Customs clearance, a packet of suspected heroin was found underneath the insole of each of the shoes worn by him. He was then arrested.

The 19-year-old man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (October 3).

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).

