<u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>heroin worth about \$2.1 million (with</u> <u>photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs today (October 5) seized about 2.07 kilograms of suspected heroin with an estimated market value of about \$2.1 million in Tai Kok Tsui. A man was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Tai Kok Tsui this morning, Customs officers intercepted a man and found about 20g of suspected heroin inside his trouser pockets. The man was subsequently arrested. Customs officers later escorted the man to a residential premises nearby for a search and further seized about 2.05kg of suspected heroin and a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia there.

The arrested man, who claimed to be unemployed, is 42 years old.

An investigation is ongoing.

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).

