## <u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>heroin worth about \$5.8 million at</u> <u>airport (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 2) seized about 8.4 kilograms of suspected heroin with an estimated market value of about \$5.8 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers yesterday inspected an air consignment, declared as carrying durian and mochi, and arriving in Hong Kong from Malaysia, at Hong Kong International Airport. Upon inspection, Customs officers found about 8.4kg of suspected heroin therein.

After follow-up investigations, Customs officers conducted a controlled delivery operation yesterday in Mong Kok and arrested three males, aged between 25 and 53, suspected to be connected with the case.

The 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 crimereporting email account (<u>crimereport@customs.gov.hk</u>) or online form (<u>eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002</u>).

