Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected heroin worth about \$790,000 (with photo)

â€<Hong Kong Customs on May 29 seized about 1 kilogram of suspected heroin with an estimated market value of about \$790,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

Customs on that day examined a batch of air cargo consignment, declared as garments, arriving in Hong Kong from Thailand at the airport. Upon inspection, Customs officers found that there was a plastic ornament in one box of goods and seized a batch of suspected heroin inside the base of the plastic ornament. After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers today (June 1) mounted a controlled delivery operation and arrested a man, aged 49 and suspected to be connected with the case, in Hung Hom.

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).

