

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ketamine and makes 10-year record seizure of suspected ecstasy (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about two kilograms of suspected ketamine and about 7 000 tablets of ecstasy with an estimated market value of about \$1.9 million at Hong Kong International Airport on March 16 and March 22 respectively. In terms of the number of tablets seized, this is the department's largest seizure of suspected ecstasy in the past 10 years.

On March 16, Customs officers inspected an air consignment from Germany and found about two kilograms of suspected ketamine inside. Customs officers then inspected another air consignment from Germany on March 22 and found about 7 000 tablets of ecstasy. The consignments were destined for a commercial premises in Tsim Sha Tsui and Mongkok respectively.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (May 2) arrested a 56-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman in Tsim Sha Tsui.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hong Kong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel or express courier channels.

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).

