

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ketamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 2.8 kilograms of suspected ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$1.4 million at Hong Kong International Airport on October 28.

Customs officers inspected an air express parcel arriving in Hong Kong from France on October 28 and found the batch of suspected ketamine concealed inside three milk powder packing boxes.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (October 30) arrested a 19-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in Tsuen Wan.

The arrested man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (November 1).

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal and express courier channels.

Customs reminds members of the public that trafficking in a dangerous drug through any channel, including postal and express courier, is a serious offence. Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 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).

