

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ketamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 5 kilograms of suspected ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$2.5 million at Hong Kong International Airport on April 4.

Customs officers inspected an air parcel arriving in Hong Kong from France on that day and found the batch of suspected ketamine concealed inside two pairs of boots.

Upon follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (April 8) arrested a 25-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case in Sheung Wan.

Investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending investigation.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcels and 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 Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

