

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ketamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 4.4 kilograms of suspected ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$2.5 million at Hong Kong International Airport on November 7.

Customs officers inspected an air parcel that had arrived in Hong Kong from France on that day and found respectively seven and six pieces of fibreboard at the inner layers of two storage boxes. The batch of suspected ketamine was found concealed inside the fibreboards.

Upon follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (November 14) arrested a 32-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case in Ap Lei Chau.

He has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (November 16).

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.

Customs also reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary returns. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items into and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people, nor to release their personal data or home address to others for receiving parcels or goods.

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).

