Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ketamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 3 kilograms of suspected ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$1.9 million at Hong Kong International Airport on April 19.

Customs officers inspected a parcel arriving in Hong Kong from Belgium on April 19 and seized the batch of suspected ketamine in three milk powder bottles inside the parcel.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (May 8) arrested two men suspected to be connected with the case in Lok Fu.

The arrested men, aged 26 and 30, have been jointly charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. They will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (May 10).

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

