## <u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>ketamine (with photos)</u>

 $\hat{a} \in$  <br/> Hong Kong Customs seized about 1 kilogram of suspected ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$540,000 at Hong Kong International Airport on June 20.

Customs officers inspected a postal parcel arriving in Hong Kong from Malaysia on June 20 and seized the batch of suspected ketamine inside the parcel.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers today (June 28) arrested a 24-year-old man in Tuen Mun suspected to be in connection with the case.

The man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (June 29).

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel 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).



