Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ketamine worth about \$15 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 32 kilograms of suspected ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$15 million in Yau Tong, Aberdeen and Kwun Tong yesterday (September 26). A 27-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case was arrested.

Through an in-depth investigation and data analysis, Customs yesterday searched two mini-storage warehouses in Yau Tong and Aberdeen. Upon searching, about 9kg and 15kg of suspected ketamine, which were in protein powder packaging, were found inside carton boxes in the warehouses respectively.

Later on the same day, Customs arrested the man suspected to be connected with the case in Kwun Tong, and escorted him to an industrial unit in the same district for a search. Customs officers further seized about 8kg of suspected ketamine and a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia therein.

The arrested man has been charged with three counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (September 28).

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) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

