## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ketamine worth about \$6.3 million (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs today (October 17) seized about 11 kilograms of suspected ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$6.3 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers today inspected an air cargo consignment, declared as carrying tempered glass, arriving in Hong Kong from Pakistan. The batch of suspected ketamine was found concealed inside two plastic pallets that were used to carry the consignment. It is believed that the drug traffickers attempted to evade Customs detection by using this uncommon concealment method.

Moreover, Customs officers found that the drug traffickers hired a logistics company to deliver the consignment and intended to send it to rural areas in Yuen Long.

An investigation is ongoing.

Customs reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary return. 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.

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 (<a href="mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk">crimereport@customs.gov.hk</a>).



