## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected liquid cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about two kilograms of suspected liquid cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$2.3 million at the Hong Kong International Airport on April 15.

Customs officers inspected an air parcel arriving in Hong Kong from Taiwan on that day and found the suspected liquid cocaine concealed inside two liquor bottles.

Subsequent to its follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (April 17) arrested a 22-year-old man in Tai Po suspected to be connected with the case.

The arrested man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. The case will be brought up at Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts on April 20.

Customs will maintain its close contacts with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking activities 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 (<a href="mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk">crimereport@customs.gov.hk</a>).

