

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected liquid cocaine worth about \$2 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs on January 3 seized about 2.4 kilograms of suspected liquid cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$2 million at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port. A person suspected to be connected with the case was arrested yesterday (January 6).

Through intelligence analysis and in-depth investigations, Customs on January 3 inspected a parcel posted from Guangzhou and declared as carrying acrylic boards at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port. Upon examination, a total of about 2.4kg of suspected liquid cocaine was found concealed inside the hollow space of three acrylic boards in the parcel.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers conducted a controlled delivery operation in Hung Hom yesterday and arrested a 27-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case. During the interception, the man refused to co-operate with the officers.

The arrestee, who claimed to be unemployed, has been charged with one count of attempting to traffic in a dangerous drug and one count of obstructing a member of the Customs and Excise Service. He will appear at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (January 8).

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.

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 182 8080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

