

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected liquid ketamine worth about \$58 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs on July 27 seized about 110 kilograms of suspected liquid ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$58 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

Customs officers inspected an air cargo consignment, declared as carrying rose water, arriving in Hong Kong from Pakistan on that day. The batch of suspected liquid ketamine was found concealed inside 136 plastic bottles, with each carrying about 800 grams of suspected liquid ketamine. A 34-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case was arrested.

Upon follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (July 28) further arrested five teenagers aged between 13 and 17 in Sau Mau Ping and Kwai Chung.

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.

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.

Young people should especially pay attention to the fact that drug trafficking is a serious criminal offence. Criminal conviction will result in grave repercussions for their future and they should not take risks in the hope that they may not be caught.

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).

