

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine at airport (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs today (October 12) detected a drug trafficking case involving baggage concealment at Hong Kong International Airport and seized about 4 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$2 million.

A 29-year-old female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Phuket, Thailand, around the midnight of yesterday (October 11). During customs clearance, Customs officers found the batch of suspected methamphetamine concealed inside the false compartment of her check-in suitcase. The woman was subsequently arrested.

An investigation is ongoing.

Following the increasing number of visitors to Hong Kong, Customs will continue to apply a risk assessment approach and focus on selecting passengers from high-risk regions for clearance to combat transnational drug trafficking activities.

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).

