Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 10.5 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$5.74 million at Hong Kong International Airport on April 19.

Customs officers inspected an air mail parcel arriving in Hong Kong from the United States on April 19 and found the batch of suspected methamphetamine concealed in 30 coffee packing bags in the parcel.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (April 24) arrested a man suspected to be in connection with the case in Yuen Long.

The arrested man, aged 27, has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (April 26).

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking 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 (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

