

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (March 14) seized about 3.6 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$1.8 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

A 36 year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia yesterday. During customs clearance, the batch of suspected methamphetamine was found concealed inside the false compartments of his check-in suitcase. The man was then arrested.

The arrested man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (March 16).

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 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).