Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 5 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$3 million at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound on May 14.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers selected a seaborne consignment, declared as containing rubber tubes, that arrived in Hong Kong from Thailand for inspection. Upon examination, the batch of suspected methamphetamine was found concealed inside five spools of rubber tubes.

Upon follow-up investigation, Customs officers today (May 20) arrested a 34-year-old woman in Yuen Long suspected to be connected with the case.

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. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people, nor to release their personal data or home address to others for receiving parcels or goods.

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).

