Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine worth about \$2.5 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 5.1 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$2.5 million at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound on June 25.

Through risk assessment, Customs on that day inspected a seaborne consolidated consignment, declared as carrying "Personal effects and household goods" and arriving in Hong Kong from Malaysia, at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound. Upon inspection, Customs officers seized the batch of suspected methamphetamine concealed inside three boxes of goods in the container.

Upon a follow-up investigation, Customs officers conducted controlled delivery operations and arrested a 39-year-old male consignee, who claimed to be a driver, in To Kwa Wan yesterday (July 16).

The investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Customs will continue to enhance enforcement against drug trafficking activities through intelligence analysis. The department also reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary returns. 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) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/).

