

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled gold worth about \\$10 million \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (February 22) seized 20 slabs of suspected smuggled gold weighing about 20 kilograms in total, with an estimated market value of about \$10 million, at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port.

Based on risk assessment, Customs yesterday evening intercepted an outgoing seven-seater vehicle at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port for inspection. Upon examination, Customs officers seized the batch of suspected smuggled gold in a space behind the glove box of the vehicle. The 34-year-old male driver was subsequently arrested.

An investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to take stringent enforcement actions against cross-boundary smuggling activities through risk assessment and intelligence analysis.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling 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).

