Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled goods worth about \$2.8 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs on March 26 mounted an anti-smuggling operation at the Heung Yuen Wai Control Point and detected a suspected smuggling case involving a cross-boundary lorry. About 4 400 pieces of computer mice, about 1 100 pieces of USB-C multiport hubs and about 600 pieces of computer accessories, with a total estimated market value of about \$2.8 million, were seized.

Customs officers on that day intercepted the inbound lorry declared as carrying power cables at the Heung Yuen Wai Control Point. Upon inspection, the batch of suspected smuggled goods was seized inside the cargo compartment of the lorry. A 57-year-old male driver was arrested and was put on bail pending further investigations.

Customs will continue to combat cross-boundary smuggling activities with firm enforcement action based on 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).

