<u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>smuggled smartphones (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs today (October 31) seized 100 suspected smuggled smartphones with an estimated market value of about \$620,000 at Lok Ma Chau Control Point.

Customs officers intercepted an outgoing container truck at Lok Ma Chau Control Point this morning and found the batch of smartphones concealed inside a false compartment in the driving compartment.

A 55-year-old male driver was arrested. Investigation is ongoing.

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).

