

# Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 2 kilograms of suspected herbal cannabis and about 400 grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$900,000 at Hong Kong International Airport and Yau Tong on July 16 and yesterday (July 20) respectively.

Customs officers inspected an air mail parcel arriving from South Africa on July 16 and found about 2kg of suspected herbal cannabis inside the cavity of a hollow wooden sculpture.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers arrested two 36-year-old men on July 19 suspected to be in connection with the case in Yau Ma Tei. A batch of about 400g of suspected cocaine, which was concealed between the inter layers of a carton box, was further seized from an air mail parcel arrived from Chile at Yau Tong.

The two arrested men have respectively been charged with one count and two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug. They will appear at Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (July 22).

Customs will maintain close contact with Hong Kong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcels or express courier channels.

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.

Customs also reminds that cannabis and tetrahydro-cannabinol (THC) are classified as dangerous drugs under the Ordinance. Importation of products (including food and drinks) containing cannabis or THC into Hong Kong is prohibited unless the relevant provisions in the Ordinance are complied with. In order to avoid breaching the law inadvertently, special attention should be paid to the packaging labels of food and drinks.

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](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).



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## Cafeteria Old Beach temporarily closed

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 21) that Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District is temporarily closed until further notice for maintenance on the shark prevention net. The red flag has been hoisted at the beach. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay First Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 21) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay First

Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## **Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach**

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 21) that due to inclement weather, the red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## **Gov't bolsters storm defence**

To better prepare for future typhoons and extreme weather conditions, the Civil Engineering and Development Department has introduced new survey technologies and is carrying out improvement works to marine facilities.

News.gov.hk spoke to the department's land surveyor and two engineers for an insight into the new technologies deployed and the works being carried out to protect Hong Kong's coastal areas from storm surges.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (July 21) in text and video format.