

Hong Kong Customs detects dangerous drugs internal concealment case involving passengers at airport (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs detected a dangerous drugs internal concealment case involving four incoming passengers at Hong Kong International Airport on February 14 and seized about 900 grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$730,000.

Three male passengers and one female passenger, aged between 25 and 51, arriving in Hong Kong from Montego Bay, Jamaica via Frankfurt, Germany and Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, on that day. During Customs clearance, Customs officers suspected that the passengers had dangerous drugs concealed inside their body cavities. They were then escorted to the hospital for examination. Upon examination, doctors confirmed that foreign objects were concealed inside their body cavities, and they were arrested immediately. As at 1pm today (February 16), the arrested persons have discharged a total of 68 pellets of suspected cocaine weighing about 900g in total.

An investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to apply a risk assessment approach and focus on selecting passengers from high-risk regions for clearance to combat transnational drug trafficking activities.

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 182 8080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/).

