

## Hong Kong Customs detects two dangerous drugs cases and seizes suspected cocaine worth about \$6.4 million (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs detected two dangerous drugs cases in Tsuen Wan and Kwun Tong on July 22 and yesterday (August 8) and seized a total of about 7 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$6.4 million. A man was arrested.

Customs officers on July 22 inspected an air express parcel destined for Australia, declared as carrying snack plate sets, at a logistics centre in Tsuen Wan. About 3kg of suspected cocaine, with an estimated market value of about \$2.7 million, were found concealed inside the packaging boxes of the sets.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers conducted an anti-narcotics operation in Kwun Tong yesterday afternoon and intercepted an 18-year-old man. About 4kg of suspected cocaine, with an estimated market value of about \$3.7 million, was found concealed inside the false compartment of a plastic box carried by him. The man was then arrested.

The arrested man has been laid a holding charge with two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at the Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (August 10).

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 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

