

# Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cannabis buds at airport (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 21) detected two drug trafficking cases involving baggage concealment at Hong Kong International Airport. A total of about 35 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds with a total estimated market value of about \$7.3 million were seized.

The first case involved a male passenger, aged 26, and arrived in Hong Kong from Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. During customs clearance, Customs officers found a batch of suspected cannabis buds, weighing about 11kg, concealed inside vacuum bags in his check-in suitcase. He was subsequently arrested.

The second case involved a male passenger, aged 31, and arrived in Hong Kong from Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. During customs clearance, Customs officers found a total of about 24kg suspected cannabis buds concealed in vacuum bags inside his two check-in suitcases. He was subsequently arrested.

After an investigation, the two arrested persons have each been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug respectively. The two cases will be brought up at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (June 23).

Customs will continue to step up enforcement against drug trafficking activities through intelligence analysis. The department also reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary return. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items into and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people.

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](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)) or online form ([eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002](http://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002)).

