Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine and suspected crack cocaine worth about \$9.6 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (January 23) seized about 11 kilograms of suspected cocaine and 200 grams of suspected crack cocaine in To Kwa Wan and Tai Kok Tsui. The total estimated market value was about \$9.6 million. A 28-year-old man was arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in To Kwa Wan yesterday afternoon, Customs officers intercepted a suspicious man and seized about 6kg of suspected cocaine inside a plastic bag carried by him. The man was subsequently arrested. Customs officers later escorted him to a residential premises nearby for a search and further seized about 4kg of suspected cocaine, 200g of suspected crack cocaine and a batch of suspected drug manufacturing paraphernalia. Upon a follow-up investigation, the man was further brought to a residential premises in Tai Kok Tsui for a search, and about 1kg of suspected cocaine was seized.

The arrestee has been charged with three counts of trafficking in dangerous drug and will appear at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (January 25).

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).

