

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 550 grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$520,000 at Hong Kong International Airport yesterday (April 18).

A 37-year-old female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Lagos, Nigeria via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia yesterday. During Customs clearance, the female passenger discharged suspected cocaine weighing about 215 grams. She was then arrested by Customs officers.

During further investigation, the female passenger further discharged 335 grams of suspected cocaine. Investigation is ongoing.

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 the Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

