

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 1.1 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$1.1 million from a male passenger arriving at Hong Kong International Airport on September 15.

A 43-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Cameroon via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on September 15. The man was found to be suspicious upon Customs clearance and was escorted to hospital for examination. The man discharged the suspected cocaine on September 15 and yesterday (September 16). He was then arrested.

He was charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (September 18).

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).

