

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 4.2 kilograms of suspected heroin and about 200 grams of suspected cannabis buds with a total estimated market value of about \$3.78 million at Hong Kong International Airport and in Kwai Chung on April 10 and yesterday (April 15).

Customs officers inspected an air mail parcel from Malaysia at Hong Kong International Airport on April 10 and found the batch of suspected heroin concealed in eight coffee powder boxes in the parcel.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (April 15) arrested a 29-year-old man and two 14-year-old men suspected to be connected with the case in Tsim Sha Tsui and Kwai Chung respectively.

Customs officers further seized the batch of suspected cannabis buds at one of the 14-year-old men's residence in Kwai Chung.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel or express courier channels.

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).

