Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs worth about \$2.6 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs on April 20 and yesterday (April 24) seized a total of about 5.6 kilograms of suspected ketamine and about 120 grams of suspected crack cocaine with a total estimated market value of about \$2.6 million in the New Territories. Two men were arrested.

Acting on intelligence analysis, Customs on April 20 raided a logistics warehouse in the New Territories and seized about 5.6kg of suspected ketamine from four carton boxes.

After a follow-up investigation and a controlled delivery operation, Customs officers yesterday arrested two local men, aged 18 and 22, who were suspected to be connected with the case in Kwai Chung.

Customs officers later escorted one of the arrested men to his rented flat nearby for a search, and further seized about 120g of suspected crack cocaine, about 10g of suspected ketamine and a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia.

The two arrested men have been jointly charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. The 22-year-old man has been additionally charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. They will appear at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (April 26).

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 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

