

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs worth about \$8.3 million (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (January 12) seized two batches of suspected dangerous drugs in Tsuen Wan and Sha Tin, including about 6 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds, about 3.5kg of suspected heroin, about 1.7kg of suspected liquid cocaine, about 410 grams of suspected ketamine, about 170g of suspected methamphetamine and about 5g of suspected crack cocaine. The total estimated market value is about \$8.3 million.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Tsuen Wan yesterday evening, Customs officers intercepted a 33-year-old man and found two bags of suspected cannabis buds in the plastic bag carried by him. He was then arrested. Customs officers later escorted the arrested man to a residential premises in the district for a search and further seized a batch of suspected cannabis buds and suspected heroin as well as a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia.

Also, Customs yesterday conducted a follow-up investigation of another dangerous drug case detected earlier and arrested a 22-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in Western District. He was escorted to a residential premises in Sha Tin where a batch of suspected dangerous drugs, including liquid cocaine, ketamine, methamphetamine and crack cocaine as well as a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia were seized.

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

