

# Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected heroin from air parcels (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 3.5 kilograms of suspected heroin with an estimated market value of about \$4.6 million at Hong Kong International Airport on January 12 and 13. Two persons suspected to be connected to the case were arrested yesterday (January 20).

Customs officers on the above-mentioned two days inspected two air parcels, declared as carrying cosmetics and lanterns respectively, that arrived from Malaysia at the airport. Two model car display racks concealing suspected heroin were found inside each of the parcels.

After follow-up investigation, a 16-year-old woman and a 42-year-old man were arrested in Kwun Tong yesterday.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs appeals to parents to keep an eye on their children's friends to prevent children from taking part in drug trafficking activities under peer influence.

Customs also reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary returns. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items in and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people, nor to release their personal data or home address to others for receiving parcels or goods.

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](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

