

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 3.4 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$1.57 million at Hong Kong International Airport on November 16.

Customs officers inspected an air express parcel arriving in Hong Kong from Thailand on November 16 and found the batch of suspected methamphetamine concealed in 46 candy packages in the parcel.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (November 20) arrested a 64-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case in Sham Shui Po.

The arrested man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (November 22).

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcels 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 Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

