

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled goods worth about \$690,000 (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 23) mounted an anti-smuggling operation at Lok Ma Chau Control Point and detected a suspected smuggling case involving a cross-boundary goods vehicle. A batch of suspected smuggled goods with an estimated market value of about \$690,000 was seized.

During the operation, Customs Officers intercepted an inbound goods vehicle declared as carrying crystal beads and seized about 4 000 suspected smuggled liquid-crystal displays. A 56-year-old male driver suspected to be connected with the case is assisting the investigation.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

Customs will continue to combat cross-boundary smuggling activities with firm enforcement action based on risk assessment and intelligence analysis.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

