Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled seafood worth about \$1.39 million at Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (February 20) detected a suspected smuggling case involving a cross-boundary goods vehicle at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Port. A batch of suspected smuggled seafood, including about 1 450 kilograms of oysters, 1 150kg of fish, 300kg of lobsters, with a total estimated market value of about \$1.39 million, was seized.

Based on risk assessment, Customs yesterday intercepted an outgoing goods vehicle at the HZMB Hong Kong Port. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of unmanifested cargo items inside the vehicle.

A 57-year-old male driver was arrested and was put on bail pending further investigation.

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

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.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/).

