

Hong Kong Customs shuts down dangerous drugs distribution centre with seizure of "space oil drug" and other kinds of narcotics (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (April 1) in Wong Tai Sin shut down a suspected dangerous drugs distribution centre, seizing different kinds of suspected narcotics including the "space oil drug", a batch of electronic cigarette devices and suspected drug packaging paraphernalia with a total estimated market value of about \$7 million. Two men suspected to be connected with the case were arrested.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in the vicinity of Wong Tai Sin yesterday, Customs officers intercepted a 19-year-old man and found about 1.1 kilograms of suspected crack cocaine, 1kg of suspected cocaine, 1 500 tablets of suspected ecstasy, 100 grams of suspected ecstasy powder, and 102 electronic cigarette devices containing suspected cannabis oil inside a suitcase carried by him. He was then arrested. Customs officers later escorted the arrested man to a nearby public housing unit where he lived for a search, and further seized 129 suspected "space oil drug" capsules, about 5kg of suspected cocaine, about 200g of suspected crack cocaine, 80 electronic cigarette devices, and a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia. Another man, aged 54, inside the unit was also arrested.

An investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to step up enforcement and stringently combat against trafficking of the "space oil drug". If public rental housing units are found to be involved in drug trafficking crimes, Customs will notify the Housing Department for follow-up action after the conclusion of court proceedings.

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 report hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

