

Hong Kong Customs steps up enforcement action against cross-boundary drug trafficking (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs has mounted a special operation at the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal to step up enforcement action against drug trafficking. The operation started in May and until this morning (June 25), a total of eight cases had been detected involving the seizure of about 230 grams of suspected dangerous drugs, and apparatus fit for the inhalation of dangerous drugs, with an estimated market value of about \$232,000.

The seized suspected dangerous drugs, including cocaine and a small quantity of ketamine, were found concealed inside the clothes or personal belongings of the arrested persons. Most of the drugs were packed in small packages ready for further distribution. A total of eight men aged between 17 and 39 were arrested. The cases have been duly followed up.

The operation is ongoing.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is life imprisonment and a fine of \$5 million.

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

Hong Kong Customs will step up enforcement at all control points during the summer holidays to combat cross-boundary trafficking activities of dangerous drugs as well as other prohibited/controlled items. Customs appeals to members of the public, especially young people, not to be manipulated by criminals into defying the law.

