

HONG KONG STANDARD
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29 held over infringed copies of TV games

TWENTY-NINE people, allegedly involved in two syndicates, have been arrested in connection with the manufacture and distribution of infringed copies of Japanese TV games.

A total of 42,000 TV game cartridges and floppy disks worth \$9.5 million were seized.

About 130 plainclothes customs officers mounted the two-day operation beginning

on Tuesday, after a three-month investigation.

The officers raided 40 commercial premises and two flats in Sham Shui Po, Mong Kok, Kowloon City, Kowloon Bay, North Point and Tsuen Wan.

Superintendent Simon Wong Shui-ming, of the Customs' Intellectual Property Investigation Bureau, said a flat in Sham Shui Po was found to have been used for assemb-

ling imported game chips into TV game cartridges.

A total of 11,800 game cartridges and a large quantity of assembling and packing material were seized there.

A commercial unit at Wang Kwun Road, Kowloon Bay, was believed to be used for storage of the products.

The 24 men and five women arrested have been released on bail ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 pending investigation.