



## PENALTY

Under the Trade Marks Act, offenders can be fined up to \$100,000, jailed up to five years or given both.

**Branded as fakes:** A private investigator examining some of the counterfeit goods seized during yesterday's raid.

Private investigators from Commercial Private Investigation and Security (CPIS) were engaged by Rolex Singapore, local agents for luxury watch, and representatives of the other brands.

Their task was to search and seize counterfeit products bearing the branded names. The private investigators, armed with a search warrant from a subordinate court, raided the shop at about 2.10 pm yesterday or observing it for the past two days. Mr Vincent Tan, 32, a manager with CPIS, said: "We received a tip-off that this shop had been selling counterfeit goods for the past four months.

"The shop is usually closed. It opens only to tourists who are brought there by their tour guides or tour coach drivers."

Mr Tan said that these goods are sold cheaply to the tourists.

A genuine Rolex watch costs about \$5,000 to \$10,000. A fake is sold at between \$45 and \$200.

A fake golf bag goes for \$400, while the genuine one could cost about \$2,000.

The counterfeit goods are imported from Hongkong and Taiwan.

The two persons who were at the shop at the time of the raid declined comment.