

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

2019 HKCBA National Conference

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) will host its 2019 National Conference themed "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong 2.0" in Markham, Ontario on June 21. The Conference will showcase business opportunities in the Greater Bay Area and Belt and Road Initiative and explore strategies Canadian companies can use to conquer trade with Asia through the Hong Kong platform. It is expected to attract 150 to 200 delegates from the business sectors across Canada and Hong Kong.

The Conference is ideal for startups, SMEs and corporations alike interested in expanding to or attracting project funding from Hong Kong, active in Asia seeking to propel growth or seeking that competitive advantage in their international strategy. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO) is the lead sponsor of the event. The event is also a major activity of the "Hong Kong Week" event to be organised by HKETO under the theme of "Connect and Excel". Register now.

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"Voices of the World" concert

The Hong Kong Oratorio Society, led by renowned Hong Kong composer Professor Chan Wing-wah, will stage a concert entitled "Voices of the World" with the Kindred Spirits Orchestra and Vancouver Oratorio Society at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts on June 22. The world premiere of a symphony piece written by Prof Chan specifically for this concert will be presented. The concert is also part of the "Hong Kong Week" event organised by HKETO. You are invited to enjoy this concert connecting audience and seasoned musicians from Hong Kong, Toronto and Vancouver.

Tickets are on sale now and details of the concert can be found at the link below:

http://ksorchestra.ca/concerts/2018_19.html#june_22

Kung Fu Fridays: Fatal Fists and Crazy Kicks from the Shaw Brothers

HKETO, in partnership with the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), is proud to present *The Kung Fu Fridays: Fatal Fists and Crazy Kicks from the Shaw Brothers* at the TIFF Bell Lightbox. Ten kung fu classics produced by the Shaw Brothers Studio in Hong Kong in the 70s and 80s are being screened on Fridays until April 12, 2019.

Tickets are on sale now and the full programme of the event can be found at <https://www.tiff.net/calendar.html?series=shaw-brothers&list>

Table Tennis Tournament by Canada-Hong Kong New Horizon Lions Club

Canada-Hong Kong New Horizon Lions Club will hold its 10th Annual Charity Table Tennis Tournament in Toronto on May 18, 19 and June 1. The HKETO sponsors "The Media Cup" which will be presented to the winning team in the Media category. The deadline for the competition registration is May 12.

For more information, please visit the official website of the organiser:

<http://www.newhorizonlions.org/>

Applications for Hong Kong civil service posts

Prospective applicants for Hong Kong civil service posts at degree or professional level can now apply to sit the Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law Test (CRE and BLT) scheduled to be held on **June 1 and 8, 2019 in Hong Kong**. The deadline for application is **April 11, 2019 (Hong Kong time)**.

Valid CRE results are required of applicants for civil service posts at degree or professional level, unless applicants possess equivalent results in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination or other specified public examinations. Persons interested in applying for civil service posts at degree or professional level in the near future may wish to consider sitting the coming examination so as to be eligible to apply for these posts, which may become available before another CRE is held.

In addition, applicants for civil service posts will be assessed on their Basic Law knowledge. The result of the BLT will be one of the considerations to assess the suitability of a candidate.

Persons interested in taking the examination may apply through the online application system on the webpage of the Civil Service Bureau at www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html

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Another round of the CRE and BLT will be held in late 2019. For the convenience of those studying or residing outside Hong Kong, this round of examination will also be held in some non-local cities. The examination is tentatively scheduled for October 5 and 12, 2019 in Hong Kong, and **December 7, 2019 in non-local cities**. Details relating to this round of examination will be announced later this year.

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CE attends Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in Hainan

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region (HKSAR), Mrs Carrie Lam, on March 28 attended the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2019 in Hainan and met with central ministry, province and city leaders.

The Premier of the State Council, Mr Li Keqiang, delivered the keynote speech at the opening ceremony themed "Shared Future, Concerted Action, Common Development". He said that the country would broaden market access for investment from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan; open sectors such as finance, professional services and high-end manufacturing wider; and continue to roll out policy initiatives to facilitate the movement of Hong Kong, Macao and Mainland people as well as the flow of factors of production. Mrs Lam said these measures will be welcomed by Hong Kong enterprises and various professional sectors and show once again the Central Government's support for the HKSAR.

Mrs Lam joined the Women Roundtable themed "The Power of Women and the Value of Balance" to discuss with outstanding women leaders from around the world, women's potential and the promotion of women's development and a thematic dinner hosted by the Boao Forum for Asia.

On March 29, Mrs Lam addressed the "ASEAN-China Governors/Mayors' Dialogue" session at the Boao Forum. She told the participants about the pivotal role Hong Kong can play in strengthening connections between Mainland China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). She said that Hong Kong set up in Bangkok its third Economic and Trade Office in ASEAN in February and the ratification of its Free Trade Agreement signed with ASEAN at the end of 2017 is making good progress. She expressed the hope that Hong Kong can go further by joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership in due course, creating a bigger economic pie for Hong Kong, ASEAN and related signatory states.

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HKSAR and Mainland sign arrangement on interim measures in aid of arbitral proceedings

The Secretary for Justice of the HKSAR, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, and the Vice-president of the Supreme People's Court, Mr Yang Wanming, signed the Arrangement Concerning Mutual Assistance in Court-ordered Interim Measures in Aid of Arbitral Proceedings by the Courts of the Mainland and of the HKSAR (Arrangement) on April 2. Hong Kong becomes the first jurisdiction outside the Mainland where, as a seat of arbitration, parties to arbitral proceedings administered by its arbitral institutions would be able to apply to the Mainland courts for interim measures.

Under existing Hong Kong legislation, parties to arbitral proceedings in any place may apply to the courts of Hong Kong for interim measures. After the commencement of the Arrangement, parties to arbitral proceedings in Hong Kong, before the arbitral award is made, can make an application for interim measure to the Mainland courts, including property preservation, evidence preservation and conduct preservation. It aims at preventing one of the parties to arbitral proceedings from deliberately destroying the evidence or transferring the property and also ensuring that the arbitral proceedings can be carried out effectively.

The commencement date of the Arrangement will be decided after the promulgation of a judicial interpretation by the Supreme People's Court and completion of relevant procedures in the HKSAR.

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Online Survey for Overseas Talents with Hong Kong Affiliation on Intention of Returning to Hong Kong

The Human Resources and Planning and Poverty Co-ordination Unit (HRPPCU) of the Chief Secretary's Private Office is conducting an online survey to gather information on people's propensity of returning to Hong Kong and key factors affecting their decision. The information will facilitate the Human Resources Planning Commission's deliberation on Hong Kong's talent attraction and retention strategy.

People who are affiliated with Hong Kong are invited to complete this survey **by April 12 (Hong Kong time)**.

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Hong Kong Immigration Department wins 2019 Skytrax Award for Best Airport Immigration Service

The Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD) has been voted the winner of the 2019 best airport immigration service award in the World Passenger Survey commissioned by

Skytrax, a world renowned specialist research agent of the air transport industry based in the UK. This is the third time for the ImmD to receive the award after 2015 and 2016.

Skytrax mainly undertakes qualitative audits and research studies for airports and airlines services across the globe. The survey was conducted between August 2018 and February 2019, covering over 550 airports worldwide and the survey questionnaires were collected from over 13 million air passengers of more than 100 nationalities.

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InvestHK encourages Zhejiang companies to leverage Hong Kong's international financing platform to "go global"

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) hosted a seminar in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province on April 2 encouraging Zhejiang enterprises to make use of Hong Kong's international financing platform and its business advantages in the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development to accelerate their overseas expansion.

Speaking at the seminar entitled "Leveraging Hong Kong's international financing platform for Zhejiang enterprises to 'go global'", the Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Stephen Phillips, told the audience about the new business opportunities Hong Kong has to offer as an international business platform in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development. He added that the Central Government recently announced the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Hong Kong's contributions within the Greater Bay Area are unique. As the most international city in the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong will continue to play a role as a gateway for multinational companies accessing the Mainland market and as a springboard for Mainland companies seeking to "go global".

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Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cannabis buds

Hong Kong Customs inspected a parcel from Canada and seized about 2 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds with an estimated market value of about HK\$510,000 at Hong Kong International Airport on March 18. After follow-up investigation, Customs officers on March 26 arrested a 28-year-old man suspected to be connected to the case.

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

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Customs also issued a reminder that cannabis and tetrahydro-cannabinol (THC) are classified as dangerous drugs under the Ordinance. Importation of products (including food and drinks) containing cannabis or THC into Hong Kong is prohibited unless the relevant provisions in the Ordinance are complied with. In order to avoid breaching the law inadvertently, special attention should be paid to the packaging labels of food and drinks.

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Booklet on HK's legal services "Hong Kong: Deal-making and Dispute Resolution Hub"

The Department of Justice jointly with the Information Services Department and InvestHK of the HKSAR recently published a booklet on Hong Kong's legal services entitled "Hong Kong: Deal-making and Dispute Resolution Hub". A pdf version of the leaflet is uploaded to the link below for reference.

[HK: Deal-making and Dispute Resolution Hub](#)

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