

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO promotes Hong Kong as an ideal partner to venture into the Belt and Road region

Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Ms Emily Mo, attended the business seminar entitled "Hong Kong - Starting Your Belt and Road Journey" organised by the Hong Kong Canada Business Association Ottawa Chapter in Ottawa on April 16.

In her presentation at the seminar, Ms Mo highlighted the unique advantages of doing business in Hong Kong under the "one country, two systems" principle and how Hong Kong can assist Canadian businesses to tap the unprecedented business opportunities offered by the Belt and Road Initiative. She encouraged participants to partner with Hong Kong to explore the abundant business opportunities brought by the Initiative.

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HKETO Director presents Best Asia Pacific Business Award at 2019 ACCE Awards Gala

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the opening of the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) Awards Gala 2019 on April 13 and presented the Best Asia Pacific Business Award 2019 to Ms Karen Mak, Chief Executive Officer of dkstudio architects inc.

HKETO has been sponsoring the Best Asia Pacific Business Award since its inception in 2010. This award recognised entrepreneurs who successfully used Hong Kong as the platform to expand its business to the Asia Pacific region.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Hong Kong Week themed "Connect and Excel" organised by HKETO

1. Photo exhibitions "Connect and Excel - Past, Present and Future"

HKETO will jointly present with the Chinese Canadian Photographic Society of Toronto (CCPST) the photo exhibition entitled "Connect & Excel - Past, Present & Future" in different locations in the Greater Toronto Area and Vancouver. The photo exhibition will display photographs to showcase Hong Kong's high degree of connectivity globally and

with the Mainland of China in terms of infrastructure. It will also focus on the city's people-to-people connectivity. You are invited to connect/re-connect with Hong Kong through this photo exhibition.

The first stop of the photo exhibition will be held at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto (CCC) from June 15 to 20, 2019, and an opening ceremony to kick off the exhibition in the Greater Toronto Area will be held at the CCC on June 18, 2019. The dates and venues of other stops are as follows:

- June 18-22 North York Civic Centre in Toronto
- June 18-30 Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto
- June 24-30 Robson Square, University of British Columbia in Vancouver

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2. Seminar on "Connecting Hong Kong and Canada through Music"

The Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto will host a seminar on "Connecting Hong Kong and Canada through Music" on June 18, with Professor Chan Wing-wah as the keynote speaker. HKETO is a sponsor of the seminar.

Professor Chan is a renowned composer and conductor in Hong Kong and is currently the Music Director of the Hong Kong Oratorio Society. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and went on to finish his Master and Doctor of Music degrees at the University of Toronto on a Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship. He had performed worldwide and written over 200 works including western and Chinese orchestral and chamber works, choral music, hymns and children songs.

3. 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. HKETO is the lead sponsor of the event. Register now.

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4. "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. 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

5. Hong Kong-themed musical performances "Try to Remember"

Sponsored by HKETO, Dramaone Vancouver will stage two performances of the musical entitled "Try to Remember" at the Michael J Fox Theatre in Vancouver on June 30. An artistic talk hosted by Mr Peter Poon and the leading actors of the musical production and a VIP reception will be held before the closing performance.

"Try to Remember" is an original play written by renowned Canadian Hong Kong Director Peter Poon about the love stories of three couples from different generations in Hong Kong. The musical will present many songs that were popular in Hong Kong from the 1960s to 1980s, through which the Canadian audience can learn and understand more about the vibrant art and culture scene of Hong Kong in different eras.

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Other Activities

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 "Media Cup", sponsored by HKETO, 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/>

19th Chinese Arts and Literacy Contest for Youth

HKETO continues to sponsor this year's "Hong Kong Cup - Calligraphy, Painting and Colouring Competitions" organised by the Association of Chinese Arts and Literacy Contest for Youth.

The competitions are part of the "19th Chinese Arts and Literacy Contest for Youth" organised by the Association, with an aim to arouse interest in Hong Kong among school children of different ages. The theme of the calligraphy, painting and colouring competitions this year is "Basic Law". Adjudication of the competitions will be carried out at the office of HKETO on May 11, 2019.

For details, please visit the [official website](#).

HONG KONG NEWS

HKSAR Government welcomes measures by relevant Central authorities to further facilitate entry of Hong Kong film industry into Mainland market

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government on April 16 welcomed the five relaxation measures agreed by relevant Central authorities, to further facilitate entry of Hong Kong films and film practitioners into the Mainland market.

The five relaxation measures are:

1. To remove the restriction on the number of Hong Kong people participating in Mainland film productions;
2. To remove the restriction on percentage of artistes and requirement of Mainland-related plots in motion pictures jointly produced by the Mainland and Hong Kong (Mainland-Hong Kong co-productions);
3. To waive the fees for establishing Mainland-Hong Kong co-production projects;
4. To allow Hong Kong films and film practitioners to apply for nomination for awards in Mainland film festivals; and
5. To allow Hong Kong film companies to apply for incentives for distributing and promoting outstanding Mainland motion pictures and Mainland-Hong Kong co-productions in Hong Kong, Macao and overseas.

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, said that this is another round of further relaxation measures offered by the Mainland authorities for the Hong Kong film industry since the implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) and its Supplements.

Implementation of the measures would further enhance the flexibility of producing Mainland-Hong Kong co-productions and reduce relevant production costs.

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The Hong Kong Film Development Council (FDC) also welcomed the five relaxation measures agreed by the relevant Central authorities, to further encourage Hong Kong films and film practitioners entering the Mainland market, as well as facilitate Hong Kong-Mainland co-productions.

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IFC and HKMA strengthen commitment to green and sustainable finance through groundbreaking agreements

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group on April 11 in Washington DC, the United States to co-organise IFC's Sixth Annual Climate Business Forum, which will be held in Hong Kong in early 2020.

The Forum brings together global policymakers and finance leaders to share knowledge and expertise on growing climate business investment in emerging markets. This collaboration signifies HKMA's commitment in partnering with thought leaders such as the IFC in promoting Hong Kong as an international hub for green finance.

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Tech heavyweights gather at Internet Economy Summit

The 4th Internet Economy Summit (IES), themed "Digital Economy Redefines Our Future", opened on April 15. Over 70 renowned experts, industry leaders and government officials from overseas, the Mainland and Hong Kong are gathering at the two-day Summit to share their insights on global technology trends and business adoption in spurring the growth of the Internet economy.

There are six thematic forums this year, focusing on how data will fuel innovations in different technology sectors including FinTech, artificial intelligence (AI), smart manufacturing and cyber security as well as in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Emphasis is also put on the exchange of strategies and best practices of businesses.

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The IES was organised by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, with the China Internet Development Foundation as the supporting organisation.

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On the other hand, OGCIO showcased for the first time the smart lamppost and the free electronic identity (eID) at the Smart Government Pavilion at the International ICT Expo starting on April 13. The public also had a glimpse of various technology applications that government departments had adopted and employed to enhance public service and develop Hong Kong into a smarter city.

Another highlight of the summit was the demonstration of eID, which is planned for rollout next year. Visitors were able to try out the quick and simple online registration and learn about the usage of this single digital identity authentication for performing online transactions with government and commercial entities.

The OGCIO also introduced at the summit the upcoming Smart Government Innovation Lab and the city dashboard.

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Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cannabis buds

Hong Kong Customs seized about 2.2 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds from a parcel from the United States with an estimated market value of about HK\$410,000 at Hong Kong International Airport on April 8.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers on April 15 arrested a 49-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case in Tsuen Wan.

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.

Customs also reminds 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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ICAC updates international communities on anti-corruption efforts

The latest issue of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)'s electronic newsletter, ICAC Post, has been uploaded on the ICAC corporate website. It is a video interview with the Chair of Transparency International, Ms Delia Ferreira Rubio.

Click here to read the details:

<https://www.icac.org.hk/en/resource/post/index.html>

Recruitment of qualified doctors outside Hong Kong

The Department of Health in Hong Kong is recruiting qualified doctors outside Hong Kong for the positions of Non-civil Service Contract Doctor (without Full Registration) and Contract Doctor (without Full Registration) (Child Assessment). Applications for the above two posts are accepted all year round. Eligibility requirements are set out in the attached recruitment notices of the Department of Health.

Enquiries can be made to the Department of Health at appts_registry1@dh.gov.hk and online application can be made through the Civil Service Bureau's website at <http://www.csb.gov.hk>. Job numbers are 40221 (Contract Doctor (without Full Registration)) and 40248 (Contract Doctor (without Full Registration) (Child Assessment)).

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