

RECENT ACTIVITIES

23rd Fantasia International Film Festival

HKETO supported the screening of five Hong Kong films at the 23rd Fantasia International Film Festival held from July 11 to August 1 in Montreal. In particular, HKETO is proud to present the Canadian premiere of "G Affairs" which is an award winning production by a Hong Kong debuting director at this year's Festival.

Speaking before the screening of "G Affairs" on July 15, Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, introduced Hong Kong's vibrant film industry to the audience. She highlighted that the HKSAR Government has been committed to supporting the development of Hong Kong film industry and to nurture film talents for the industry.

Director of the film Mr Lee Cheuk-pan also attended the screening to introduce the film and answer questions from the audience. The other Hong Kong films at the Festival included "Master Z - Ip Man Legacy", "The Boxer's Omen", "Missbehavior" and "Full Contact".

[Click her to read the details.](#)

HKETO hosts sharing session for summer interns from Hong Kong

HKETO hosted a sharing session on July 17 for summer interns from universities in Hong Kong who are on attachment to local academic or community organisations in the Greater Toronto Area.

Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, received the students and introduced to them the work and role of HKETO in enhancing closer relations between Hong Kong and Canada in different aspects. She encouraged the students to make the most of their internship in Canada to broaden their horizons, which would be useful to their future career development.

The summer interns then shared their experience in Canada and what they had learnt from the internship.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Toronto Chinese Opera Contest 2019

HKETO supported the Toronto Chinese Opera Contest and Seminar, organised by the Canadian Cantonese Culture Association and supported by the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong (香港八和會館) in July.

The seminar will be held on July 25 at the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto and the contest finale will be held on July 26 at the Casa Delux Chinese Restaurant. Renowned Cantonese Opera actress Ms Tang Mi-ling from Hong Kong will be one of the key speakers of the seminar and the judge of the contest finale.

[Click here for the event poster:](#)

East Meets West Charity Concert

The Sing Fai Sports Club will host a concert entitled "East Meets West" at the P.C. Ho Theatre of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto on August 4. HKETO is a sponsor of the concert. 39 youth from the Hong Kong Juvenile & Youth Chinese Classical Orchestra of La Salle College in Hong Kong will perform together with Toronto Chinese Orchestra and Toronto Yip's Chamber Orchestra and Children Choir. The concert emphasizes on harmony in Chinese and Western music, and enhances cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada.

Please visit the official website for details:

<http://singfaisports.ca/home>

Mulan International Film Festival

The 2nd Mulan International Film Festival will be held from August 9 to 17 in Toronto. HKETO is the presenting sponsor of its closing Hong Kong film "First Night Nerves" directed by Stanley Kwan at the Scotiabank Theatre on August 17. Please visit <https://mulanfestival.com/> for details.

HONG KONG NEWS

CE to reiterate the suspension of extradition proposal and introduce new governance style

The Chief Executive (CE) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, Mrs Carrie Lam, said at a media session on July 9 that the extradition bill is "dead". She added that the HKSAR Government has the most important duty to improve the situation by adopting a new governance style in order to ensure that the government is able and capable of listening to views from different sectors. The new initiatives are as follows -

- (i) the HKSAR Government will listen more extensively to people from different backgrounds with different ideas so as to have a better grasp of public opinion. The role of the Executive Council will also be enhanced, with the Non-official Members of the Executive Council to shoulder an important responsibility in engaging public opinions and reflecting those opinions to the CE;
- (ii) the existing consultative machinery, which basically comprises consultative advisory committees with members appointed by the HKSAR Government, will be reformed. The HKSAR government will also build more open platforms to facilitate dialogues in a very frank manner, and to make sure that people joining the committees or dialogues come from different backgrounds. For instance, the Youth Development Commission is expected to undergo a major overhaul;
- (iii) the HKSAR Government will revisit and re-examine some of the controversial policy initiatives, and consider whether the relevant public consultation and discussions should be re-launched or enhanced; and
- (iv) the HKSAR Government will reach out to more young people of different backgrounds, and welcome open dialogue with representatives of the university student unions.

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HKSAR Government's response to public processions against legislative proposal

The HKSAR Government responded to the public processions against the proposed legislative amendments to extradition laws held in Hong Kong on July 13 in Sheung Shui and July 14 in Sha Tin.

In these processions, the majority of the protesters behaved in a peaceful and orderly manner, but regrettably some protesters carried out some violent and unlawful acts

such as deliberately blocked some roads, hurled iron poles, scattered an unknown powder, charged police cordon lines and assaulted police officers. The HKSAR Government strongly condemns the violent and unlawful acts.

The HKSAR Government always respects the public's right to express their views and demands in a peaceful, rational and orderly manner, and that this reflects the precious freedom of expression in Hong Kong and lawful quality of the Hong Kong people. But a minority of protesters used violence to charge and cause damage. The rule of law is the cornerstone of Hong Kong, and the society will absolutely not tolerate such violent acts.

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FS to attend Annual Meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in Luxembourg

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, Mr Paul Chan, visited Luxembourg from July 11 to 15 to attend the Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

Upon arrival at Luxembourg on July 11, Mr Chan met with the Minister of Finance of Luxembourg, Mr Pierre Gramegna, to forge closer bilateral co-operation on mutual recognition of funds between both places and the latest development of green finance in Hong Kong.

On July 12, Mr Chan met with the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Mr Xavier Bettel, and other financial officials attending the AIIB Annual Meeting to strengthen co-operation between Hong Kong and other places. He also attended the Annual Meeting of the AIIB, which focused on how co-operation and strategic investments in sustainable infrastructure can contribute to deeper integration and economic growth via enhanced connectivity.

Mr Chan pointed out that Asia will continue to drive the global economy, and Hong Kong is the gateway to the markets of the Mainland and Asia for enterprises worldwide. Mr Chan expressed the hope that Hong Kong and Germany would enhance co-operation in different areas, including finance, as well as economic and trade.

Along with over 100 fintech entrepreneurs, angel investors and executives, Mr Chan joined a LHoFt networking event and introduced the latest development of fintech in Hong Kong. He added that the HKSAR Government has been keeping up efforts to

provide a conducive environment to the industry and over the past five years fintech companies in Hong Kong have raised over US\$1.1 billion.

On July 13, Mr Chan attended an AIIB seminar on connectivity and co-operation between Asia and Europe and held a meeting with the Minister of Finance, Mr Liu Kun, in which both sides exchanged views on strengthening co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland on the finance front, implementation of the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and Hong Kong's participation in AIIB's work. He also welcomed the Ministry of Finance's issuance of Renminbi (RMB) sovereign bonds in the city, as this reinforces Hong Kong's status as the global offshore RMB business hub.

In the afternoon, Mr Chan joined an AIIB Governors' Official Session, followed by a meeting with the AIIB President, Mr Jin Liqun. Mr Chan said that Hong Kong will continue to play a proactive role in the AIIB.

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Hong Kong and Qatar sign MOU on investment promotion co-operation

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) of the HKSAR Government and the Qatar Financial Centre Authority of the Qatar Financial Centre of the State of Qatar on July 9 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) pledging mutual co-operation on investment promotion exchange and support.

The MOU provides a framework to enhance the close relationship for the mutual benefit of the HKSAR and Qatar and their co-operation with each other in promoting both inward and outward investment in the two jurisdictions. According to the MOU, both sides will share information and experiences in investment promotion, encourage interested local companies to set up or expand their business within the area of the other jurisdictions, and support each other's investment promotion events that foster bilateral investment between the two jurisdictions.

[Click here to read the details.](#)

Investment Agreement between Hong Kong and Chile enters into force

The Investment Agreement between Hong Kong and Chile entered into force on July 14, bringing the total number of investment agreements in force between Hong Kong and foreign economies to 20.

Under the Agreement, the two sides undertake to provide investors of the other side with protections, including fair, equitable and non-discriminatory treatment of investments; compensation in the event of expropriation of investments; and the right to free transfers abroad of investments and returns. The Agreement also provides for settlement of investment disputes under internationally accepted rules.

Hong Kong has so far signed 21 investment agreements with 30 foreign economies: the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Australia, Austria, the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United Kingdom. All these investment agreements, except for the one with the UAE, have entered into force.

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ACT Genomics opens laboratory in Hong Kong to tap Greater Bay Area opportunities

ACT Genomics Holdings Co Ltd, a precision cancer treatment solution provider, opened its Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) laboratory in Hong Kong on July 4 as part of its strategic plan to meet growing demand for cancer genomic profiling services in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Founded in Taiwan in 2014, ACT Genomics provides cancer patients with personalised genomic information based-treatment plans through its cutting-edge NGS platform, medical reports and integrated services. The platform is capable of detecting multiple genomic alterations using a single tissue sample within a single test run.

Associate Director-General of Investment Promotion Mr Charles Ng remarked that Biotech is one of the innovation areas that is growing rapidly in Hong Kong. The Greater Bay Area is a huge market with a population of 71 million people. As the city is being positioned as the global innovation and technology hub within the Greater Bay Area and with our established business and legal systems, Hong Kong offers a convenient platform for international biotech and other laboratories to manage their operations across the Greater Bay Area.

[Click here to read the details.](#)

Hong Kong signs Working Holiday Scheme agreement with Italy

Hong Kong and Italy on July 5 signed an agreement to mark the establishment of a bilateral Working Holiday Scheme (WHS) for young people of the two places. Under the WHS between Hong Kong and Italy, youths from each side may apply for a visa which will allow them to stay in Italy or Hong Kong for up to 12 months. During the period, they may work to finance their stay or study short-term courses. The annual quota from each side will be 500.

The scheme with Italy is Hong Kong's 14th bilateral WHS. Since 2001, Hong Kong has established WHS arrangements with New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Japan, Canada, Korea, France, the United Kingdom, Austria, Hungary, Sweden and the Netherlands. So far, about 90 000 Hong Kong youths have benefited from these schemes.

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Policy Address consultation launched

The HKSAR Government launched the public consultation exercise for the 2019 Policy Address. The CE of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam; the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung; and the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, will meet representatives from different sectors to listen to their views.

Members of the public are invited to give their views through the website (www.policyaddress.gov.hk), the dedicated Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PolicyAddress2019) or Instagram (www.instagram.com/policyaddress2019) for the 2019 Policy Address public consultation, or by email (policyaddress@pico.gov.hk), phone (+852 2432 1899) or fax (+852 2537 9083).

[Click here to read the details.](#)

Hong Kong residents born in 1964 or 1965 should apply for new smart identity cards between July 27 and September 23

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSAR Government announced on July 12 that from July 27 to September 23, 2019, Hong Kong residents born in 1964 or 1965

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should apply for a new smart identity card in person at a Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre (SIDCC). The SIDCCs will be open from Mondays to Saturdays, from 8am to 10pm (except public holidays).

Eligible applicants may make appointment bookings via the Internet (www.gov.hk/newicbooking), the ImmD mobile application or the 24-hour telephone booking hotline 2121 1234. The ImmD appeals to applicants to pre-fill the application form when making appointment bookings through the Internet or mobile application in order to enjoy faster service. Applicants need to bring along their existing smart identity cards when they proceed to the SIDCCs.

If eligible Hong Kong residents are absent from Hong Kong during their call-up period, they can apply within 30 days of their return to Hong Kong.

For details of the Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise, please visit the website www.smartid.gov.hk or call the enquiry hotline 2824 6111.

[Click here to read the details.](#)

Museum Summit 2019 in Hong Kong

In partnership with the British Museum, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the HKSAR Government will present the Museum Summit in Hong Kong on November 28 and 29, 2019 with the theme 'Formation and Transformation'. Registration is free.

Please click the following link for details and registration:

<https://www.museumsummit.gov.hk>

Short video entitled "Spotlight Hong Kong - Arts and Culture"

Euronews, in partnership with the Information Services Department of HKSAR Government, recently produced a 5-minute TV segment entitled "Spotlight Hong Kong - Arts and Culture" to illustrate how Hong Kong is becoming a main attraction for the arts and is leveraging its potential as a cultural powerhouse with a new purpose-built arts district. You are invited to browse the video at the following links:

English - <https://www.euronews.com/2019/07/08/east-meets-west-in-asia-s-cultural-capital>

French - <https://fr.euronews.com/2019/07/08/hong-kong-mise-sur-son-potentiel-culturel-international>

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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