

### **RECENT ACTIVITY**

#### **East Meets West Charity Concert**

The East Meets West Charity Concert organised by the Sing Fai Sports Club was successfully held at the P.C. Ho Theatre of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto on August 4. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) is a sponsor of the event.

The concert featured 39 youths from the Hong Kong Juvenile and Youth Chinese Classical Orchestra of La Salle College in Hong Kong, performing in collaboration with Toronto Chinese Orchestra and Yip's Chamber Orchestra and Children Choir. Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, noted that this collaboration not only connects musicians of different generations but also enhances cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada.

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### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

#### **Mulan International Film Festival**

The 2nd Mulan International Film Festival is being 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 the official website for details: <https://mulanfestival.com/>

#### **18th Calgary Chinatown Street Festival**

HKETO sponsors the 18th Calgary Chinatown Street Festival themed "Silk Road Experience" organised by Calgary Chinatown District Business Improvement Area at the Calgary Chinatown (between 3rd Avenue and 1st Street SE) on August 17. The Festival aims to enhance connection between the Calgary Chinese and mainstream communities and to preserve and promote the cultural history of Chinatown. The whole day festival will be a combination of multi-cultural performances, Chinese and Asian food tents, cultural art and entertainment booths as well as family fun activities.

For more information, please visit the official website at:  
<https://www.visitcalgarychinatown.com/csf>

## HONG KONG NEWS

### Government response to violent protests

In response to the protests and violent activities in the last two weeks, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government issued solemn statements condemning the acts of the violent protesters who vandalised public property, blocked roads, paralysed airport operation causing serious disruption to inbound and outbound travelers, besieged police stations, aimed laser beams and hurled bricks to attack police officers. Some violent protesters even hurled petrol bombs, injuring a police officer. The HKSAR Government is outraged by the violent protesters' behaviours which showed a total disregard of the law, posing a serious threat to the safety of police officers and other members of the public.

The HKSAR Government appeals to all members of the public to say no to violence to help the community to restore order as soon as possible. The Police will enforce the law strictly and resolutely to bring illegal protesters to justice.

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The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam noted in a press conference held on August 5 that people all love Hong Kong and have made different contributions to its stability and prosperity over the years. This is the time to rally together to set aside differences and bring back order and say no to chaos and violence.

On another occasion, Mrs Lam said that she will put forward more measures to improve people's livelihoods in the upcoming 2019 Policy Address. Public consultation on the Policy Address is underway and members of the public are welcome to give their views.

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The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, Mr Paul Chan, said in a press conference held on August 7 that Hong Kong's second quarter economic data indicated, on a quarter-to-quarter basis, the GDP has decelerated in the second quarter and come down to negative 0.3 per cent. The economic situation, both externally and domestically was challenging in July. Hong Kong is struggling with its social issues and there are increasing external uncertainties caused by escalating US-China trade conflict as well as other geo-political situations.

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### **New information page on Hong Kong**

The Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government launched a new page on its Brand Hong Kong website. The new info page "Hong Kong Update" will help provide topical info for overseas audiences to learn the updates in Hong Kong, including information on known processions, public transport and airport situation, as well as Government responses to the protest actions and clarifications. It also provides social media links about Hong Kong.

You are invited to browse the page by clicking the link:

<https://www.brandhk.gov.hk/html/en/WhatSON/HKUpdate2019.html>

### **Phone call between CE and the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom**

In response to media enquiries on the phone call between the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam and the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom, Mr Dominic Raab on August 9, the Chief Executive's Office said that at the request of the British Consulate-General Hong Kong, Mrs Lam spoke with the new Foreign Secretary of the UK, Mr Raab over the phone. During the 20-odd minutes of conversation, Mrs Lam stressed that since Hong Kong's return to the Motherland, "One Country, Two Systems" has been successfully implemented in the HKSAR and that the rule of law has been the core value of the city.

Mrs Lam introduced to Mr Raab the background and objectives of the legislative amendment exercise and emphasised that the legislative amendment exercise was put to a complete stop two months ago. She said that while the HKSAR Government respects the diverse views held by members of the public on various issues as well as the freedoms of speech and assembly, it will not let violence and illegal behaviours disrupt public order. She also mentioned to Mr Raab the work being done by the Independent Police Complaints Council in accordance with its statutory functions.

Mrs Lam pointed out at the end that she and the relevant policy bureaux have been attaching great importance to collaboration between Hong Kong and the UK on areas including trade, economic affairs and culture in the past two years and expressed the hope that bilateral relations can be further strengthened.

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### **InvestHK encourages Shandong companies to leverage Hong Kong's business advantages and professional services to "go global"**

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) of the HKSAR Government held an investment promotion seminar in Jinan, Shandong Province, on August 7 to encourage Shandong enterprises to make use of Hong Kong's business advantages and professional services to accelerate their overseas expansion amid the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development.

The seminar, entitled "Leveraging Hong Kong's platform for Shandong enterprises to 'go global'", was jointly organised by InvestHK and the Department of Commerce of Shandong Province. It was also co-organised by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai and the Shandong Liaison Unit of the HKSAR Government. The Associate Director-General of Investment Promotion, Dr Jimmy Chiang, and the Deputy Director of Department of Commerce of Shandong Province, Mr Zhang Weike, delivered welcome remarks at the event.

Dr Chiang said that operating under the principle of "one country, two systems", Hong Kong enjoys the dual advantages of being part of China, while maintaining its international outlook and role as an international centre for professional services, finance, transportation and trade, with its own economic, legal and social systems. With the aim of upgrading its industrial transformation, Shandong enterprises can leverage Hong Kong's vibrant business platform to seize the new opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development.

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### **Visa-free access to Iran for HKSAR passport holders**

The HKSAR Government has received confirmation from the Government of Iran that with immediate effect HKSAR passport holders may visit Iran visa-free for a stay of up to 21 days.

The Immigration Department of the HKSAR Government said that Iran is along the Belt and Road. Under the Belt and Road Initiative, this visa-free arrangement would bring greater travel convenience to the travellers of Hong Kong and strengthen the tourism, cultural and economic ties between the two places.

Including Iran, 166 countries and territories have granted visa-free access or visa-on-arrival to HKSAR passport holders. For details, please visit the following website:  
[www.immd.gov.hk/eng/service/travel\\_document/visa\\_free\\_access.html](http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/service/travel_document/visa_free_access.html)

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### **Applications for Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies 2020/21**

The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council reminded interested applicants that its Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies (including the award for students with disabilities) for the academic year 2020/21 have been accepting applications since July 2.

The fellowships and scholarships aim at encouraging outstanding students to pursue further studies in reputable institutions overseas. Successful candidates for the awards are expected to have a strong sense of commitment to Hong Kong and be ready to contribute significantly to the community upon graduation.

The fellowships are for studies leading to postgraduate degrees either by research or by coursework; the scholarships are for studies leading to undergraduate degrees.

Application forms and information notes can be downloaded from the website of the Student Finance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency at  
[www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/forms/form.htm](http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/forms/form.htm)

The closing date for all applications is September 16, 2019.

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### **Video launched to promote Property Alert service provided by Land Registry**

The Hong Kong Land Registry produced a new TV Announcement in the Public Interest named "Property Alert: Protects your property" to promote its enhanced Property Alert

service for property owners. The videos with 30-second and 10-second versions could be viewed at

[https://www.landreg.gov.hk/en/services/services\\_e.htm](https://www.landreg.gov.hk/en/services/services_e.htm)

The Property Alert service with a subscription fee is a smart tool which gives property owners an easy way to remain vigilant of their properties. The related service is particularly useful under the following circumstances:

- Your property is vacant or is not occupied by you.
- Whether or not you have rented out the property, you are staying overseas for extended periods of time.
- You want to be alerted as soon as your property is subjected to or may be affected by potential or actual disputes.

### **The Museum Summit in partnership with The British Museum**

To coincide with the reopening of the Hong Kong Museum of Art following its large-scale renovation, the Leisure and Cultural Service Department of the HKSAR Government is proud to present the Museum Summit 2019 in partnership with The British Museum. The Summit will be held in Hong Kong on 28 and 29 November 2019.

With the title theme "Formation and Transformation", the summit invites over 30 speakers from around the world, who are set to share their expert experience and innovative ideas on nowadays museum development and transformation.

For details of the summit, please visit <https://www.museumsummit.gov.hk>

### **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](mailto: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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