

HKETO JOB VACANCIES

Head, Investment Promotion

Applications are invited for the position of **Head, Investment Promotion** in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO).

Reporting to the Director of HKETO, the post will be supported by an Investment Promotion Assistant in attracting companies to set up or expand in Hong Kong by engaging in promotion activities, visits and meetings with top-level executives of leading companies and small medium enterprises and providing practical assistance to potential investors in Canada and markets covered by HKETO.

Applications should be submitted with covering letter with full curriculum vitae in English, and copies of academic qualification certificates/transcripts and available references from previous employment to 174 St. George Street, Toronto, ON, Canada M5R 2M7 (by post), or info@hketotoronto.gov.hk (by email) **on or before September 12, 2019**.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/assets/Job-Advertisement-IRO-Toronto-2019.pdf>

Administrative Assistant

Applications are invited for the post of **Administrative Assistant** in the HKETO. The suitable applicant should be a high school graduate with at least 3 years of experience as an Administrative Assistant; or a post-secondary diploma / degree holder with at least 1 year of administrative experience. The applicant must be fluent in written and spoken English and Chinese (Cantonese), have good interpersonal and communication skills, and possess good general knowledge about Hong Kong and Canada.

Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to info@hketotoronto.gov.hk **on or before September 17, 2019**.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/jobpostings/AA1-Recruitment-Advertisement-2019.pdf>

RECENT ACTIVITY

Toronto International Film Festival

The 44th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) is being held until September 15. HKETO is the presenting sponsor of the Hong Kong movie "No.7 Cherry Lane" (繼園台7號), an animation debut by renowned Hong Kong director Yon Fan (楊凡). This North American premiere is selected as part of TIFF's Special Presentations program.

Please visit the official website for details: <https://www.tiff.net/events/no7-cherry-lane>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Vancouver International Film Festival

The 38th Vancouver International Film Festival will be held from September 26 to October 11. Two Hong Kong films will be screened at the festival including "No.7 Cherry Lane" (繼園台7號) by renowned director Yon Fan, and the Canadian premiere of award-winning "Still Human" (淪落人), a debut of young filmmaker Oliver Chan, starring Anthony Wong (黃秋生).

Both films are sponsored by HKETO at the festival.

Please visit the official website for details: <https://www.viff.org/Online/VIFF-2019>

Information sessions to promote career development or further studies in Hong Kong

HKETO will host information sessions at different universities across Canada to encourage students to develop their careers or further their studies in Hong Kong. Details are as follows:

Information booths

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>University</u>
September 17 (Tue)	10:00am - 4:00pm	University of Toronto (St George)
September 19 (Thurs)	10:00am - 3:00pm	York University
September 19 (Thurs)	10:00am - 3:00pm	McMaster University
September 25 (Wed)	10:00am - 4:00pm	University of Alberta
September 25 (Wed)	9:00am - 3:00pm	Simon Fraser University
September 27 (Fri)	11:00am - 4:00pm	University of British Columbia
October 1 (Tue)	10:30am - 3:30pm	University of Calgary
October 1 (Tue)	10:00am - 3:00pm	University of Victoria

Information sessions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>University</u>
September 16 (Mon)	12:15pm - 1:45pm	University of Toronto (St George)
September 17 (Tue)	11:30am - 1:00pm	York University
September 26 (Thurs)	12:30pm – 2:00pm	University of Victoria
September 27 (Fri)	4:30pm – 6:00pm	Simon Fraser University (Burnaby campus)
September 27 (Fri)	12:30pm – 2:00pm	University of British Columbia
September 30 (Mon)	12:00nn – 1:30pm	University of Calgary
September 30 (Mon)	5:30pm – 7:00pm	University of Alberta

HONG KONG NEWS

Updates on Hong Kong

The information page "Hong Kong Update" under the Brand Hong Kong website provides 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>

CE announces withdrawal of Fugitive Offenders Bill among "four actions" to help society move forward

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mrs Carrie Lam, announced on September 4 that the HKSAR Government will "formally withdraw" the Fugitive Offenders Bill (the Bill). The decision to withdraw the Bill is one of "four actions" announced by Mrs Lam to foster dialogue that can help society move forward after more than two months of social unrest.

This first action is to fully allay public concerns. The Secretary for Security will announce in the Legislative Council (LegCo) that the Bill will be withdrawn when the LegCo resumes, and there will be no debate or voting.

The second action is that the Government will fully support the work of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC). IPCC announced on September 5 details of the members of a panel of international experts, which will help in the assessment and recommendations in the fact-finding study. These international experts are renowned experts in their respective fields and they come from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. In addition to overseas experts, the CE has appointed two

new members to the IPCC and pledged that the Government will seriously follow up recommendations made in the IPCC's report.

The third action is that the CE and Principal Officials will reach out to the community to start a direct dialogue. People from all walks of life, with different stances and backgrounds, are invited to share their views and air their grievances. The Government must find ways to address the discontent in society and look for solutions.

The fourth action is that the Government will invite community leaders, professionals and academics to independently examine and review society's deep-seated problems and to advise the Government on finding solutions. After more than two months of social unrest, it is obvious to many that discontentment extends far beyond the Bill, covering political, economic and social issues.

Mrs Lam said the use of violence will never be a solution and that lingering violence is damaging the very foundations of our society, especially the rule of law. Some people, though not many, attacked the Central Government's office in Hong Kong and vandalised the national flag and national emblem. This is a challenge to "One Country, Two Systems".

The HKSAR Government's foremost priority now is to end violence, to safeguard the rule of law and to restore order and safety in society. It will continue to strictly enforce the law against all violent and illegal acts.

Mrs Lam said the four actions announced are her Government's sincere and solemn response to the five demands that have been raised by the public.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/04/P2019090400704.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/04/P2019090400666.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/05/P2019090500606.htm>

Seventh meeting of Chief Executive's Council of Advisers on Innovation and Strategic Development held

The Chief Executive's Council of Advisers on Innovation and Strategic Development (the Council) held its seventh meeting on September 3 to exchange views on the current situation of Hong Kong. Members also gave their views on the broad directions of the 2019 Policy Address.

At the meeting, members were briefed on the recent performance and near-term outlook of the Hong Kong economy. In view of the gloomy economic outlook and the negative impact of the recent social incidents, Members deliberated on measures to safeguard the stability of the Hong Kong economy.

Members also gave views and suggestions on the focuses of the 2019 Policy Address. They generally felt that, to address the challenges faced by Hong Kong, bold policies

and effective measures should be taken forward to support the economy, improve people's livelihood, and rebuild Hong Kong's international image.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/03/P2019090300610.htm>

Government condemns offenders' violent and vandalistic acts

In response to the violent and vandalistic acts of radical protesters in various districts on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon as well as at the Hong Kong International Airport and MTR stations in the last two weeks, the HKSAR Government said that some radical protesters attacked the police stations, extensively vandalised public property and MTR stations, and set fires at various places, totally disregarding law and order. The behaviours are outrageous. The offenders breached the public peace and their acts seriously affected public services, disregarding the needs and rights of other members of the public. Also it is extremely dangerous to set fires in busy areas, jeopardising people's safety. The HKSAR Government severely condemns the offenders' violent and vandalistic acts. The Police will take resolute enforcement actions to protect the safety and rights of the members of the public.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/07/P2019090700054.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/01/P2019090100012.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/01/P2019090101003.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/06/P2019090600664.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/09/P2019090900854.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government expresses gratitude to the Police, the Airport Authority Hong Kong, the MTR Corporation, the aviation sector and public officers of relevant departments for standing fast at their posts and doing their best to work together, enabling the largely smooth operation of the railway and the airport, the two major infrastructure projects, with efficient services continued to be provided to millions of travellers and members of the public. The court has already granted separate injunction orders to restrain people from obstructing the operation of the airport and railway. The HKSAR Government appeals to members of the public to abide by the law and take into account the rights and the needs of travellers and other members of the public when expressing their views.

Click the following hyperlink for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/08/P2019090800006.htm>

CEDB holds SME Symposium titled "New measures in facing economic downturn"

To provide effective support and assistance to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government held a

symposium for SMEs titled "New measures in facing economic downturn" on September 4, providing an overview of various government funding schemes and new support measures for SMEs. The symposium was attended by more than 300 SME representatives.

The symposium comprised three panel sessions with the themes of "Exploring New Markets and Opportunities", "Financing Strategies for SMEs" and "Technological Application and Upgrading".

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (SCED), Mr Edward Yau, said at the symposium that a lot of funding schemes have been set up by the Government and non-government organisations to provide enterprises and relevant organisations with all-round support on exploring export markets, obtaining financing, application of technology, recruiting professionals and more. The Government will enhance the utilisation and effectiveness of these funding schemes through raising awareness, implementing facilitation measures, as well as capital injections. The Government will also stay alert to the needs and difficulties of SMEs, and continue to review and improve the existing funding schemes.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/04/P2019090400715.htm>

SCED: Free Trade Agreement with ASEAN important pillar for further collaboration

SCED, Mr Edward Yau, attended the 3rd ASEAN Economic Ministers - Hong Kong, China Consultations meeting in Bangkok, Thailand on September 9.

Mr Yau said at the meeting that the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the Investment Agreement (IA) between Hong Kong and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), providing certainty and clarity needed by businesses, will be an important pillar to support further economic collaboration. It also sends a very positive signal to the outside world on the mutual commitment to continued open and free trade and investment.

Hong Kong and ASEAN signed the FTA and IA in November 2017, with the parts relating to Hong Kong and Laos, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam entering into force in June this year.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/09/P2019090900242.htm>

HKSAR and High People's Court of Guangdong Province sign framework arrangement on legal exchange and mutual learning

The Secretary for Justice of the HKSAR Government, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, signed a framework arrangement with the President of the High People's Court of Guangdong

Province, Mr Gong Jiali, on exchange and mutual learning in legal aspects between Hong Kong and Guangdong (the Arrangement) in Shenzhen on September 7 to strengthen legal exchange and collaboration in the Greater Bay Area.

The Arrangement will facilitate courts in Guangdong and relevant legal bodies in Hong Kong to launch projects on legal aspects for mutual exchanges and collaboration to enhance the legal development and safeguard in the Greater Bay Area.

Ms Cheng also attended a seminar organised by the Department of Justice, the High People's Court of Guangdong Province and the Shenzhen Intermediate People's Court under the Arrangement. The seminar gathered Mainland judges to discuss the development of judicial scrutiny of arbitral awards.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/07/P2019090700731.htm>

Visa-free access to Myanmar for HKSAR passport holders

The HKSAR Government has received notification from Myanmar that the Tourist Visa Exemption Pilot Scheme of Myanmar was extended for one year until September 30, 2020. Under the Scheme, holders of an HKSAR passport do not need a visa for visiting Myanmar for a stay of up to 30 days.

Myanmar is along the Belt and Road. Under the Belt and Road Initiative, the extension of the Tourist Visa Exemption Pilot Scheme would bring greater travel convenience to Hong Kong travellers and strengthen the tourism, cultural and economic ties between the two places.

Including Myanmar, 166 countries and territories including Canada have granted visa-free access or visa-on-arrival to HKSAR passport holders. Please visit the following website for details:

https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/service/travel_document/visa_free_access.html

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/06/P2019090600704.htm>

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