

## Hong Kong e-News Bulletin

September 26, 2019



### RECENT ACTIVITY

#### **Hong Kong provides abundant career development and further studies opportunities**

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) hosted career information sessions at the University of Toronto and the York University on September 16 and September 17 respectively to encourage students to develop their careers or further their studies in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the sessions, Deputy Director of HKETO, Miss Florence Tsang, first gave an overview of Hong Kong's latest developments as well as its business and living environment. She also outlined the various scholarship schemes launched by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government to attract overseas students to further their studies in Hong Kong, as well as various admission schemes for attracting talents, professionals and entrepreneurs to develop their careers or start their businesses in Hong Kong.

Miss Tsang said that the HKSAR Government is recruiting talents for different civil service posts including Administrative Officers (AOs). Hong Kong permanent residents studying or residing overseas are eligible to apply.

In addition to AOs, the HKSAR Government is also recruiting people for other civil service posts including Executive Officers, Assistant Labour Officers, Assistant Trade Officers and Transport Officers. For the convenience of those studying or residing outside Hong Kong, the Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law Test required for these posts would be held in six overseas cities including Toronto and Vancouver on December 7, 2019. The deadline of application for these posts is October 4, 2019 (5pm) Hong Kong time.

HKETO will continue to host similar sessions at different universities in Western Canada in the coming week. Details are as follows:

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
September 26, 12.30pm - 2pm	University of Victoria
September 27, 12.30pm - 2pm	University of British Columbia
September 27, 4.30pm - 6pm	Simon Fraser University (Burnaby campus)
September 30, 12 pm -1.30pm	University of Calgary
September 30, 5.30pm - 7pm	University of Alberta

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/press-room/press-releases/2019/09/career-development/index.php>

## **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.

### **Workshop on Cantonese Opera's "Paichangxi and Paizi tunes"**

The Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library will host a "Paichangxi and Paizi tunes" workshop (排場戲及排子音樂工作坊) on October 7, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Renowned Cantonese Opera figures will be introducing the traditional concepts of Paichangxi and Paizi tunes, and offer guidance on song and music composition techniques. This event is sponsored by HKETO and will be presented in Cantonese.

Click [here](#) for details.

### **Talent Show by Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni Ontario**

The Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni Ontario will organise a Joint University Talent Show followed by a Gala Dinner at the Infiniti Music Hall in Markham on October 6. The talent show includes performance in singing, dancing, musical performance, talk show, Chinese opera, magic show, etc. The event is supported by HKETO.

Click [here](#) link for details.

## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **Hong Kong once again ranked as freest economy in the world**

The HKSAR Government on September 12 welcomed that the Fraser Institute once again ranked Hong Kong as the world's freest economy in the Economic Freedom of the World 2019 Report. Hong Kong has been retaining the top rank since the inception of the report. Among the five areas of assessment, Hong Kong was ranked top in "Freedom to Trade Internationally" and "Regulation".

The ranking vividly reflected Hong Kong's long-standing and steadfast commitment to building a free economy with a level playing field. The HKSAR Government is fully committed to upholding Hong Kong's institutional strengths, including its fine tradition of the rule of law, free trade and investment regime, simple tax system with low tax rates, favourable business environment and efficient government. These have provided a conducive environment for businesses to thrive, and enabled Hong Kong's economy to prosper and tide over challenges arising anytime.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/12/P2019091200891.htm>

### **Government severely condemns violent acts of protesters**

The HKSAR Government severely condemns the violent and vandalistic acts of radical protesters in the last two weeks, which had jeopardised the safety of members of the public and seriously undermined social order.

Despite the issuance of a notice of objection by the police, protesters took part in unlawful processions and assemblies. Some radical protesters blocked roads, set fires and hurled petrol bombs. In the face of the violent confrontations of the radical protesters, the police conducted dispersal operations and made arrests in a resolute manner, protecting the safety of members of the public and restoring public order.

The Government spokesman reiterated that violence is definitely not a solution to problems but would only harm the entire community. To find a way out of the current difficult situation, the Government has shown sincerity and proposed to set up a platform for dialogue to communicate with members of the public, resolving together the deep-seated problems in society.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/15/P2019091500841.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/21/P2019092100987.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/22/P2019092200977.htm>

### **Government sets up community dialogue platform**

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, together with the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah; the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan; the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau; and the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, will attend the first Community Dialogue session on September 26.

The session will be an open dialogue platform aimed at reaching out to the public to invite people from all walks of life to express their views to the Government, so as to fathom the discontent in society and to look for solutions.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/19/P2019091900583.htm>  
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/25/P2019092500708.htm>

## **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>

## **Principal officials embark on a series of high-level visits**

The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang, paid a five-day visit to Seattle and San Francisco in the United States (US) and Vancouver in Canada from September 16 to 20 to update the North American technology communities on Hong Kong's latest developments in the innovation and technology arena and foster closer ties.

While in Seattle, Mr Yang visited the technology firms Microsoft and Amazon and spoke on Hong Kong's vibrant innovation and technology developments. He also called on the Senior Deputy Mayor of Seattle. After his visit to Seattle, he proceeded to San Francisco where he visited Johnson & Johnson Innovation's JLABS, the Google campus, and spoke at a leadership luncheon on the opportunities of "Bay-to-Bay" connection and Hong Kong's technology development.

Mr Yang visited Vancouver from September 18 to 20. On September 19, Mr Yang called on the Minister of State for Trade of British Columbia, Mr George Chow. Both sides looked forward to strengthening collaboration on the innovation and technology front.

Mr Yang then visited the VentureLabs accelerator at the Simon Fraser University and had a lunch meeting with the senior management of technology incubator Launch Academy.

Mr Yang also met with the President and Chief Executive Officer of Innovate BC, Mr Raghwa Gopal, to learn more about the work of Innovate BC in driving the innovation ecosystem of British Columbia.

Later in the afternoon, Mr Yang paid a visit to the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, which is one of Canada's top-funded health research organisations. Mr Yang was also given a tour of the Vancouver Prostate Centre to learn more about its research programmes on prostate cancer. Mr Yang then paid a courtesy call on the Chinese Consul-General in Vancouver, Ms Tong Xiaoling.

On September 20, Mr Yang met with the President and CEO of LifeSciences BC to learn about the development of life sciences in BC, before concluding his Vancouver visit.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/15/P2019091200352.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/17/P2019091700500.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/17/P2019091700470.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/19/P2019091900353.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/20/P2019092000468.htm>

In addition to Mr Yang, five principal officials are also embarking on a series of high-level visits to update international communities on Hong Kong's latest situation and measures taken to address current challenges from September 20 to October 10 to North America, Europe and other places to engage with counterparts in areas ranging from trade, business and finance to innovation, technology and health.

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, was in the US from September 17 to 22 to attend a series of Hong Kong promotional events on the US West Coast, including the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's mega international promotion "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong" in Los Angeles on September 20 to promote Hong Kong's business services to US companies seeking opportunities in Asia.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau visited Stockholm in Sweden and Tallinn in Estonia from September 23 to 25 to promote Hong Kong's financial services and fintech development. During the visit, Mr Lau is due to sign a comprehensive avoidance of double taxation agreement with Estonia.

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, is visiting Seoul in Korea from September 25 to 26 to promote co-operation and highlight Hong Kong's strengths as a legal services hub in Asia.

The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, will visit Copenhagen in Denmark from October 9 to 12 to attend the Steering Committee meeting of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) and C40 World Mayors Summit 2019. Mr Wong will meet with government officials and representatives of C40 delegates to exchange views on various environmental issues related to climate change.

Meanwhile, the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, concluded a five-day visit to Australia from September 16 to 20, during which she promoted the limited registration scheme and encouraged non-locally trained healthcare professionals to consider working in Hong Kong.

Such visits present a valuable opportunity to highlight to the world that, despite the current difficulties, Hong Kong continues to operate efficiently and remains a safe and welcoming place for people and businesses from around the globe.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/20/P2019092000658.htm>

### **HKSAR's celebrations to mark 70th National Day**

A series of celebration activities will be held in Hong Kong on October 1 to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Major activities will include a Flag-Raising Ceremony cum National Day Reception and the launch of the reprogrammed "A Symphony on Lights" as well as release of a special stamp issue on the theme "70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China".

Apart from the Flag-Raising Ceremony cum National Day Reception to be held in the morning on October 1, every night at 8pm in October this year the multimedia light and sound show "A Symphony of Lights" will bring to the audience a fresh visual and audio experience through the reprogramming of relevant LED panels to display celebration elements for the National Day.

Hongkong Post will issue a set of four special stamps and a stamp sheetlet on the theme "70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China" on National Day, October 1. In addition, China Post, the Macao Post and Telecommunications and Hongkong Post will jointly issue a stamp booklet containing three respective stamp sheetlets in se-tenant style to showcase the shared joy in celebrating this special day. Information about the special stamps and associated philatelic products is available on the Hongkong Post website at [www.hongkongpost.hk](http://www.hongkongpost.hk) and via the Hongkong Post mobile app.

A dedicated website for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China has also been launched on September 23 at [www.nationalday70.gov.hk](http://www.nationalday70.gov.hk).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/23/P2019092300491.htm>

### **Hong Kong residents born in 1955 or 1956 should apply for new smart identity cards between September 24 and November 15**

The Immigration Department announced on September 11 that from September 24 (Tuesday) to November 15, 2019 (Friday), Hong Kong residents born in 1955 or 1956 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](http://www.gov.hk/newicbooking)), the ImmD mobile application or the 24-hour telephone booking hotline 2121 1234.

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](http://www.smartid.gov.hk) or call the enquiry hotline 2824 6111.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201909/11/P2019091100560.htm>

## **International media partnership with the Information Services Department**

A series of articles with branded contents about various sectors of Hong Kong were published at different international media platform, under the partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, to promote the unparalleled advantages of living and doing businesses in Hong Kong. Please click the links of the articles for details.

### **Euronews**

[East meets West in Asia's cultural capital](#)

[Hong Kong's proving it's the place to be for high tech start-ups](#)

### **Monocle**

[Make it in Hong Kong - Business as a way of life](#)

### **The Economist**

[Hong Kong, where smart bankers bank smart](#)

[Hong Kong's manufacturing goes back to the future](#)

[The digital transformation of Hong Kong's legal landscape](#)

### **Financial Times**

[Hong Kong: Gateway to the Greater Bay Area](#)

[A creative city where anything's possible](#)

[Hong Kong: Embracing technology in arbitration and mediation](#)

### **Bloomberg**

[The Hong Kong SAR - Special. Agile. Resilient.](#)

[Hong Kong - The Nerve Center of Asia's Silicon Valley](#)

### **Wall Street Journal**

[Sitting on the dock of the bay](#)

[Hong Kong: command central for Asia's fintech innovations](#)



**New York Times**

[Start-ups, buckle up for hong kong's fintech highway](#)

**National Geographic**

[I see Hong Kong - Hong Kong intangible cultural heritage](#)

**San Francisco Chronicle**

[HK: Building bridges across the Pacific](#)

**CNBC**

[What will Fuel the Future of Fintech?](#)

**Los Angeles Times**

[Forging partnerships, expanding horizons](#)

**"Hong Kong's Legal Services" website**

The "Hong Kong's Legal Services" website ([www.legalhub.gov.hk](http://www.legalhub.gov.hk)) was recently revamped to include more information and enhance the user experience. This legal hub continues to serve as a convenient one-stop source of information on the legal system and laws of Hong Kong and legal services-related news and insights as well as upcoming events. Please visit the link for details.

[www.legalhub.gov.hk](http://www.legalhub.gov.hk)

**"Beware of Con men" publicity campaign for overseas Chinese**

The Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption (the ICAC) would like to alert overseas Chinese to stay vigilant to deception scams involving the impersonation of ICAC officers.

Lately, swindlers pose as ICAC Officers to reach overseas Chinese, claiming the latter are involved in corruption, deception or money laundering cases and requesting for money remittance.

Hong Kong overseas citizens in the Chinese community are reminded to enhance vigilance of these deception scams. Please don't hesitate to call ICAC Hotline (852) 25 266 366 if in doubt.

**ICAC updates international communities on anti-corruption efforts**

The latest issue of the ICAC's electronic newsletter, ICAC Post, has been uploaded on the ICAC corporate website. Highlights of this issue include:

- Rule of law – the defining coordinates of Hong Kong
- Findings of international organisations



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

### **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)).

[Click here to read the details of Contract Doctor \(without full registration\)](#)

[Click here to read the details of Contract Doctor \(without full registration\) \(Child Assessment\)\)](#)

### **To stay tuned to updates on Hong Kong, please follow us at**

Brand Hong Kong Facebook page [www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd](https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd) or  
Brand Hong Kong Instagram page [www.instagram.com/brandhongkong/](https://www.instagram.com/brandhongkong/)  
Brand Hong Kong Twitter page [https://twitter.com/Brand\\_HK](https://twitter.com/Brand_HK)