

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### Director of HKETO attends HKCBA networking reception in Toronto

Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Ms Emily Mo, attended the "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong" networking reception organised by the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) (GTA Section) on October 8.

At the event, Ms Mo updated participants on the latest situation in Hong Kong and gave a presentation on the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development as well as the vast business opportunities arising from the development.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/director-of-hketo-attends-hkcba-networking-reception-in-toronto.html>

### HKETO Director attends ACCE West Coast Gala

Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the 2019 West Coast Gala organised by the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs in Vancouver on October 9, 2019.

Speaking at the Gala, Ms Mo highlighted the strong fundamentals and institutional underpinning Hong Kong's economy and society. She also noted Hong Kong's unique advantages which have made Hong Kong the ideal gateway for Canadian businesses to expand their operations to Asia.

Ms Mo also updated participants on the latest developments in Hong Kong, including the two major transport infrastructure commissioned last year and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-attends-acce-west-coast-gala.html>

### HKETO Director meets with MPP Daisy Wai

Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, held a meeting with Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Ms Daisy Wai, who is also the Ontario Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, on October 18.

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During the meeting, Ms Mo updated Ms Wai on the latest situation of Hong Kong and the work of HKETO, and exchanged views with her on matters of mutual interests relating to Hong Kong and Ontario.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-meets-with-mpp-daisy-wai.html>

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### **HKETO sponsors Cathay Ball organised by Mon Sheong Foundation**

Embodying the theme "Symphony of Lights", the Cathay Ball organised by the Mon Sheong Foundation will be held at Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building on November 2. HKETO will continue to sponsor the event and set up a photo booth where guests can take pictures with backgrounds showcasing the beautiful skyline of Hong Kong. Guests are welcomed to visit HKETO booth on the event day.

Click the following link for details.

<https://cathayball.monsheong.org/>

#### **Reel Asian showcases the best in Hong Kong cinema**

The Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival (Reel Asian), in partnership with HKETO, is proud to present a documentary "The Last Stitch" (雙縫) at this year's Festival at the TIFF Bell Lightbox on November 9. HKETO is one of the sponsors of the Festival.

"The Last Stitch" is about Director Alfred Sung's loving portrayal of his family's intergenerational tailoring business, which takes the audience through the tumult of emigrating from Hong Kong to Toronto. The documentary highlights the everyday details of the family business in tender emotional beats, juxtaposing contemporary scenes of the Sung's life with archival family videos and photos, presenting evolving ideas of home and homeland across three generations.

Director Sung will meet with the audience at the screening followed by a Q&A session. Tickets are on sale now.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.reelasian.com/festival-events/the-last-stitch/>

### HONG KONG NEWS

#### **CE unveiled initiatives in the Policy Address themed "Treasure Hong Kong: Our Home"**

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region (HKSAR), Mrs Carrie Lam, in the third Policy Address of her tenure, set out core principles and strategies for overcoming the social and economic challenges facing Hong Kong on October 16.

Mrs Lam unveiled initiatives in the Policy Address themed "Treasure Hong Kong: Our Home" to help local businesses to overcome hurdles during the economic downturn and target the unresolved disputes and ongoing violence with a view to restoring calm in society and embarking on the road to reconciliation.

This year's Policy Address puts forward over 220 new initiatives. A number of them aim to safeguard jobs and support enterprises to withstand the economic downturn. Examples include:

- a HK\$2 billion injection into the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales (BUD Fund);
- doubling the funding ceiling of the BUD Fund to HK\$2 million per enterprise under its Mainland Programme and Free Trade Agreement Programme; and
- injecting another HK\$1 billion into the SME Export Marketing Fund.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/16/P2019101600463.htm>

Mrs Lam has identified housing and land supply as top priorities in her Policy Address. She unveiled a series of measures to support first-time home buyers, increase the number of transitional housing projects and resume private land for public housing. She announced various short- and medium-term support measures to tackle the shortage of housing supply.

Acknowledging the keen housing demands of the public, Mrs Lam said the Government has to increase the supply of land for housing development in a persistent manner and with a multi-pronged strategy. Her team will make bolder decisions and overcome all difficulties with determination.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/16/P2019101600359.htm>

Mrs Lam in her Policy Address also outlined various initiatives to improve the livelihoods of people, including proposals to enhance welfare support, boost healthcare and provide further assistance to students. Mrs Lam said the Government would build on the 152 new livelihood-related initiatives announced in her previous two Policy Addresses which had seen recurrent spending on welfare and healthcare increase by 29 per cent, with the 2019-20 estimates amounting to HK\$164.9 billion.

To enable more effective and efficient use of public resources, the Chief Executive has advocated cross-sector and cross-profession collaboration as well as public-private partnership, adhering to the principles of pro-child, pro-family, pro-work, respecting the choices of beneficiaries and embracing public health.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/16/P2019101600367.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/17/P2019101600875.htm>

For the full text and highlights of "The Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address" as well as the Policy Address Supplement, please visit the links below:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/16/P2019101600165.htm>

<https://www.policyaddress.gov.hk/2019/eng/highlights.html>

<https://www.policyaddress.gov.hk/2019/eng/supplement.html>

### **Government strongly condemns malicious acts of rioters**

A HKSAR Government spokesman expresses extreme outrage at masked rioters' recurrent violent acts at various districts across the territory over the last two weekends, and strongly condemns those acts which posed an immense threat to the safety of members of the public and seriously breached the public peace. Without regard to people's safety, rights and needs, those acts are extremely irresponsible.

Police will strictly enforce the law to restore public order. Members of the public should not fall foul of the law by participating in unauthorised processions and assemblies in order not to give rioters the chance to commit crimes.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/20/P2019102000848.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/13/P2019101300842.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/12/P2019101200852.htm>

### **Numbers of overseas and Mainland companies and start-ups in Hong Kong continue to grow**

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The number of business operations in Hong Kong with parent companies overseas and in the Mainland China and the number of start-ups in Hong Kong have been on the rise, according to the results of two surveys released on October 16.

Results of the 2019 Annual Survey of Companies in Hong Kong with Parent Companies Located Outside Hong Kong, jointly conducted by Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and the Census and Statistics Department, show that the number of overseas and Mainland companies in Hong Kong increased by 9.9 per cent from 8 225 in 2017 to 9 040 in 2019. The 9 040 companies comprised 1 541 operating as regional headquarters, 2 490 as regional offices and 5 009 as local offices.

In terms of jobs, the number of people engaged by the overseas and Mainland companies reached 493 000, up by 11.3 per cent compared to 443 000 in 2017.

These companies are mainly from Mainland China (1 799), followed by Japan (1 413), the United States (1 344), the United Kingdom (713) and Singapore (446).

According to the 2019 Startup Survey conducted by InvestHK, the number of start-ups in Hong Kong saw even more impressive growth of 42.8 per cent to 3 184 from 2017.

These start-ups engaged 12 478 persons, up by 97.4 per cent compared to 2017. They spanned different business sectors, such as financial technology, e-commerce, supply chain management and logistics technology, as well as information, computer and technology.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/16/P2019101600308.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/21/P2019102100550.htm>

### **UK visual content creation company opens first Asian branch in Hong Kong**

UK visual content creation company, I Heart Studios, announced on October 17 that it has opened its first Asian studio in Hong Kong, as part of its overseas expansion plan to reach out customers in the Asia Pacific region via the city.

I Heart Studios provides a one-stop solution for clients to produce high quality visual content, photography and moving image, for e-commerce, editorial, social media and campaign purposes. It focuses on fashion, beauty and lifestyle sectors, but also offers services to other industries such as fast moving consumer goods, electronics and corporate marketing.

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Founded in 2011 in London, I Heart Studios also operates in Amsterdam and now in Hong Kong with a talented team of more than 180 people serving over 300 clients per year.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/17/P2019101700391.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 platforms, under the partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, to promote the unparalleled advantages of Hong Kong. Please click the links of the articles for details.

The Wall Street Journal

["The Start-up Journey"](#)

["Hong Kong's Growing Cultural Cachet"](#)

CNBC

["The Future of Law - How AI is reshaping legal services"](#)

Quartz

["Looking for a unicorn? Head to Hong Kong"](#)

Financial Times

["Hong Kong lures innovators as Asia-Pacific tech hub"](#)

### **Individuals overseas reminded to remain vigilant against email scams**

The Immigration Department (ImmD) and the Labour Department (LD) recently received enquiries from individuals overseas about emails from unknown sources offering employment in Hong Kong under an Employment for Professionals Assessment Scheme and requesting recipients to provide personal data and pay a fee. The HKSAR Government reminds people who have received similar suspicious emails to remain vigilant against possible scams.

The emails concerned also included an approval letter purportedly issued by the ImmD, and a confirmation letter and an application form allegedly issued and prepared by the LD.

The HKSAR Government on October 21 clarified that it had never launched the aforesaid scheme. The ImmD and the LD had neither issued the letters concerned nor

prepared the aforesaid application form. People who have received similar suspicious emails are urged not to provide any personal data or pay any fee. The relevant government department has commenced investigation on the incident, and the case has also been referred to the Police for follow-up action.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/21/P2019102100533.htm?fontSize=1>

### **Hong Kong Customs reminds members of the public that illicit import of cannabis is criminal offence**

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) reminds members of the public that illicit import of cannabis is a criminal offence. The C&ED attaches great importance to combating trafficking in dangerous drugs, and takes rigorous enforcement action in accordance with Hong Kong's laws.

Noting that the recreational use of cannabis has recently been legalised in individual overseas jurisdictions including Canada, the C&ED reminds members of the public that cannabis is a dangerous controlled drug in Hong Kong. Illicit import of cannabis or any products that contains controlled cannabinoids (such as tetrahydro-cannabinol, or "THC") constitutes a criminal offence.

Trafficking in dangerous drugs, or illicitly importing to and exporting from Hong Kong, procuring, supplying, manufacturing, or dealing in or with dangerous drugs, constitutes a criminal offence. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment and a fine of HK\$5 million. Illicitly possessing, or smoking, inhaling, ingesting or injecting dangerous drugs is subject to a maximum penalty of imprisonment for seven years and a fine of HK\$1 million.

Click [here](#) to the promotional poster for reference.

### **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

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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 \(Child Assessment\)\)](#)

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