

RECENT ACTIVITY

HKETO Director attends business seminar in Toronto

Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Ms Emily Mo, attended a business seminar entitled “Hong Kong: The Best-Case Scenario for Expansion into Asia” co-organised by Invest Hong Kong, Toronto Region Board of Trade and World Trade Centre Toronto on February 20.

Speaking at the seminar, Ms Mo remarked that Hong Kong, the Asia’s World City, is built on a solid foundation of competitive strengths. Though Hong Kong has been facing some challenges including social unrest as well as the novel coronavirus situation, she assured that the city would thrive in 2020 as its fundamentals are strong and intact.

Ms Mo also updated the guests about Hong Kong’s accomplishments in 2019, including that the city remained as the world’s top market for IPO funds raised, the freest economy and the second most competitive economy. Ms Mo encouraged Canadian companies to expand their businesses to China and beyond through Hong Kong.

Other speakers at the event include Chief Strategic Officer of Intact Financial Ms Monika Federau and Head of InvestHK Canada Mr Christopher Chen.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-attends-business-seminar-in-toronto.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

CE welcomes passage of funding application for Anti-epidemic Fund by LegCo

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mrs Carrie Lam, welcomed the passage of the funding application for the HK\$30 billion Anti-epidemic Fund by the Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee on February 21.

Mrs Lam said that the Anti-epidemic Fund is used to achieve the objective of fighting the disease together to ride out the difficult times. All relevant bureaux will spare no efforts in implementing various measures as pledged and try to ease procedures so as to benefit enterprises and members of the public as soon as possible. The HKSAR Government will submit a quarterly report to LegCo on the implementation of every measure.

The Financial Secretary will announce the 2020-2021 Budget on February 26 and introduce measures as in the past to support the economy and relieve people's burden.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/21/P2020022100740.htm>

Government issues Red Outbound Travel Alert on Korea

In view of the health risks arising from the Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in Korea, the HKSAR Government on February 24 issued a Red Outbound Travel Alert (OTA) on the country.

A Government spokesman said that in view of the persistent and rapid increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in Korea and the close contacts between Hong Kong and Korea, the HKSAR Government has decided to issue the Red OTA on Korea based on public health considerations. Red OTA urges the public planning to travel to Korea to adjust travel plans and avoid non-essential travel.

The Food and Health Bureau will closely monitor the situation. Any updates will be issued through the media, the HKSAR Government's "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html), the Department of Health's webpage (www.gov.hk/ncv) and the Security Bureau's OTA webpage (www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/24/P2020022400639.htm>

Following the announcement on the Red OTA issued on Korea with effect from 6am on February 25, the Department of Health (DH) has immediately strengthened port health and quarantine measures on inbound travellers arriving from Korea.

Starting from 6 am on February 25, the DH's Port Health Division issues quarantine orders under the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) to Hong Kong residents returning to Hong Kong who have been to Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do in Korea in the past 14 days and arrange them to stay in quarantine centre for quarantine. Hong Kong residents returning from other cities and provinces of Korea will be required to undergo medical surveillance for 14 days.

The Port Health Division has also deployed extra manpower to conduct additional temperature screening for travellers arriving from Korea at the Hong Kong International Airport by using handheld infrared thermometers. Travellers arriving from Korea who are found to have fever or upper respiratory infection symptoms upon arrival will be sent to the hospital for isolation and treatment.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/25/P2020022500007.htm>

HKSAR Government enhances surveillance of people under compulsory quarantine

Since February 8, 2020, DH has been issuing compulsory quarantine orders to all people entering Hong Kong from the Mainland of China and all people who have been to the Mainland of China in the past 14 days preceding arrival at Hong Kong. People concerned are required to stay at home or other dwelling place for a 14-day quarantine. Those with symptoms will be referred to the DH for further handling.

After reviewing the actual operation, the HKSAR Government will enhance the surveillance of compulsory quarantine. Apart from those being transferred to the Tso Kung Tam Outdoor Recreation Centre, if the persons under compulsory quarantine fail to share their real-time locations with their mobile phones at the boundary control points, the HKSAR Government will immediately request them to wear electronic wristbands with a view to monitoring whether they are staying at the dwelling places.

Any person concerned who leave accommodation without permission may commit a criminal offence, and subject to a maximum penalty of imprisonment for six months and a fine of HK\$25,000 upon conviction.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/12/P2020021200770.htm>

Chartered flights brought back Hong Kong residents on board Diamond Princess

From February 20 to 23, three chartered flights were arranged by the HKSAR Government to bring back 193 Hong Kong residents on board the Diamond Princess cruise docked at Tokyo. They are under 14-day quarantine at the quarantine centre in Hong Kong, together with the 20 passengers returned to Hong Kong on their own by other flights.

Other Hong Kong residents on board confirmed to be infected with the novel coronavirus have to stay in Japan for treatment. A number of officers of the Immigration Department are staying in Japan to continue to provide assistance to the Hong Kong residents who are receiving medical treatment there.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/23/P2020022300055.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/22/P2020022200069.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/20/P2020022000537.htm>

HKSAR Government will arrange chartered flights for Hong Kong people stranded in Hubei

The HKSAR Government announced that chartered flights will be arranged to bring back Hong Kong people stranded in Hubei in batches.

The first batch of chartered flights will assist Hong Kong residents stranded in Wuhan to return home. Among the 2 700 Hong Kong people in Hubei Province requesting for assistance or filing their cases, about 450 are in Wuhan.

Some in other parts of Hubei Province may have urgent needs, such as pregnant women, those who suffer from serious illness and are urgently in need of surgery or other medical treatments in Hong Kong, or secondary school graduates who need to sit for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination in Hong Kong. The HKSAR Government will discuss with the Hubei Provincial Government and relevant local departments with an aim to arranging them to take the first batch of chartered flights to Hong Kong, and seek medical advice on whether they are fit for travel.

As for Hong Kong residents who are in other cities in Hubei, the HKSAR Government will make arrangements in stages to bring them back to Hong Kong. Details of the operation have to be further discussed with the Hubei Provincial Government.

Taking into consideration the potential risk on public health, the people concerned will be arranged to stay in quarantine centres for 14 days upon their arrival in Hong Kong.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/24/P2020022400752.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/23/P2020022300660.htm>

Special scheme introduced for delivering prescription medications to Hong Kong people in Guangdong and Fujian with urgent need for medications

The HKSAR Government on February 24 introduced a special scheme to deliver prescription medications to Hong Kong residents who are currently located in Guangdong and Fujian Provinces with urgent need for medications.

A Government spokesman said that in accordance with the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation, all persons who have stayed in the Mainland of China for any period during the 14 days preceding arrival in Hong Kong will be subject to compulsory quarantine for 14 days. Given the compulsory quarantine measures, some Hong Kong people in Guangdong and Fujian Provinces will be unable to do day trips to Hong Kong to attend follow-up consultations to

replenish their medications and return to the Mainland of China on the same day as they had done so previously.

To address the concern that the prescription medications taken by the aforementioned Hong Kong residents may soon be running out, the HKSAR Government has introduced the special scheme to deliver prescription medications to them. The special scheme is being implemented while the Regulation is in force, and will first process cases in which prescription drugs will run out on or before March 31, 2020.

The spokesman added that the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (FTU) already has offices and a well-established service network on the Mainland of China. The HKSAR Government has commissioned the FTU to provide services for this special scheme on a pro bono basis.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/24/P2020022400501.htm>

HKSARG enhances dissemination of anti-epidemic information through social media and online platforms

The HKSAR Government on February 21 launched a Telegram channel, “Hong Kong Anti-epidemic Information Channel”, to disseminate the Government’s information and latest updates on COVID-19 in a more direct and speedy way. Members of the public are welcome to join the Channel at t.me/HKFIGHTCOVID19 to keep themselves posted on the latest developments.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/22/P2020022200065.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government launched an Interactive Map Dashboard (chp-dashboard.geodata.gov.hk/covid-19/en.html) on February 3, which was jointly developed and managed by the Development Bureau, Lands Department and a group of volunteers from the Smart City Consortium, with datasets contributed by relevant government bureaux and departments.

Furthermore, the anti-epidemic thematic page on the Centre of Health Protection's website has been revamped to serve as a one-stop platform for broadcasting the latest updates on COVID-19 as well as information which people are concerned about, including practical information related to inbound travel, school arrangements, public transport, public services, etc. You are invited to browse the page by clicking the banner on top of HKETO website or the following link:

www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html

Application for the Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme extended

In view of the latest development of the novel coronavirus infection, the application period for Application for the Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme (ASSIP) 2020 has been extended for one month until 13 March 2020 (Friday). For details, please refer to the dedicated Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/ao.intern>), CSB website (<https://www.csb.gov.hk/english/grade/ao/279.html>) and the AO Recruitment website (<http://www.ao-recruitment.gov.hk/english/eindex.html>).

The primary objective of the Programme is to give Hong Kong students who wish to pursue a career in the Administrative Service an early opportunity to get hands-on experience of working with serving Administrative Officers, so as to facilitate their future career planning.

In case students have difficulties in obtaining relevant academic proofs or reference letters, they are welcomed to submit the application form first before the deadline and then provide supplementary documents through e-mail as soon as possible.

International media partnership of the Information Services Department

The Bloomberg, in partnership with the Information Services Department, created a piece of branded content entitled "The Strategic Logistics Hub in the Heart of Asia" to showcase Hong Kong as the premier hub of professional capabilities for the Mainland of China and Asia Pacific.

Please click the link below for details.

https://sponsored.bloomberg.com/news/sponsors/features/brand-hong-kong/gateway-to-the-future/?adv=13788&prx_t=nIEFABmNBAYikPA&sref=hhPZ5nNO

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)).

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

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