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SPECIAL NOTICE

In response to the local government's appeal for concerted efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) is closed temporarily. You may reach us via the following channels:

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Currently, except for Hong Kong residents, all travellers arriving Hong Kong by flights from overseas countries/territories will be denied entry. The same restriction also applies to non-Hong Kong residents travelling to Hong Kong from the Mainland of China, Macao and Taiwan who have been to any overseas countries/territories in the past 14 days. These temporary restrictions will remain in force until further notice. Please refer to the webpage <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html> for details.

In addition, travellers from Canada are required to present test report, in English or Chinese, showing a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test administered within 72 hours of the scheduled time of departure, before boarding the flight. They are required to present documentary proof in English to show that the laboratory or healthcare institution is recognized/ approved/ ISO15189 accredited. The same requirements apply to a Hong Kong resident who has stayed in Canada during the 21 days before boarding the flight to Hong Kong. Please refer to the webpage <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/high-risk-places.html> for details.

The "COVID-19 Thematic Website" of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has been added to the official website of HKETO. You are invited to browse the page by clicking the banner on top of [HKETO website](#) or the following link: <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk>

For the latest entry restrictions and quarantine requirements in Hong Kong, please refer to the webpage <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html> for details.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

2021 Hong Kong Week

<https://www.hongkongweek.ca/>

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HKETO will organise the 2021 Hong Kong Week from June 2 to July 1 to promote Hong Kong's strengths, advantages and potential with emphasis on the core values and attributes of the city. We will organise and support a series of activities through the cheongsam (qipao) exhibition, workshops, business seminar, dragon boat exhibition and so on. Most of the activities will be held virtually for participation by people across Canada.

1. 2021 Hong Kong Week cum Transformative Chic - Everlasting Cheongsam Exhibition (混搭之時尚 – 當代長衫展覽)

The Transformative Chic - Everlasting Cheongsam Exhibition is jointly presented by HKETO, the Hong Kong Arts Centre and the Chinese Canadian Photographic Society of Toronto. With the participation of nine Hong Kong premier designers, this exhibition serves as a window to give viewers a glance of the unique charm and transformative nature of cheongsam – an Intangible Cultural Heritage entity and a symbol of the culturally rich city of Hong Kong.

The dates and venues of the exhibition are as follows:

Toronto - June 2 to July 1 (virtual on the 2021 Hong Kong Week website below)

Vancouver - June 2 to June 18 at the Pendulum Gallery of HSBC Building at 885 West Georgia Street.

Click here to read the details:

<https://www.hongkongweek.ca/cheongsam-exhibitions>

2. Transformative Chic - Everlasting Cheongsam Exhibition - Online Talks and Workshops

(a) “Sow the seed of Cheongsam to maternity and children fashion”

Speaker: Grace Choi, Cheongsam Designer

Date and time: Saturday June 5, 7-8am (PDT)/10-11am (EDT)

For registration, please visit: <https://forms.gle/rxD4drhrjyN6Hdf67>

(b) “Transformative Vision of Cheongsam: Sustainability x Arts”

Speaker: Raneek Kok, Cheongsam Designer, and Diana Ibarra, Educator

Date and time: Sunday June 6, 6-7pm (PDT)/9-10pm (EDT)

For registration, please visit: <https://forms.gle/hxFHxYL7iM7dE33NA>

(c) “Story of Cheongsam: the Past, Present and Future”

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Speaker: Professor Lau Chi Pang and Connie Lam, Executive Director of Hong Kong Arts Centre

Date and time: Friday June 11, 6-7pm (PDT)/9-10pm (EDT)

For registration, please visit: <https://forms.gle/nAkVQ3T3dKqLotdVA>

(d) “Little Plum Blossom Flower Button Making Demonstration Workshop”

Tutor: Madam Po Ming Wah

Date and time: Saturday June 12, 6-7pm (PDT)/9-10pm (EDT)

For registration, please visit: <https://forms.gle/dh65oCsiN32WHGqG9>

(e) “Mini Cheongsam Making Demonstration and Cheongsam Bookmark Making Workshop”

Tutor: Janko Lam, Cheongsam Designer

Date and time: Sunday June 13, 6-8pm (PDT)/9-11pm (EDT)

For registration, please visit: <https://forms.gle/rzprb4qVsCMoZu6a9>

3. Business Webinar with Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government (June 23)

More details will soon be available at <https://www.hongkongweek.ca/business-webinar>

4. Paddles Up! The Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Exhibit

Thanks to the original gift of six teak dragon boats by Hong Kong to Vancouver for Expo 86, dragon boat has spread across Canada from Vancouver into a popular celebration of culture and sport. “Paddles Up! The Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Exhibit” in Vancouver explores the dragon boat festival’s history in Canada. Unique artifacts, including two full-sized dragon boats, are being exhibited at BC Sports Hall of Fame until October 2, 2021. The exhibition was produced in partnership between the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society and the BC Sports Hall of Fame. HKETO is a sponsor of the exhibition.

Please refer to the following website for details and ticket reservation: <https://bcsportshall.com/exhibit/dragon-boat/>

Asian Heritage Month International Dance Festival

The captivating and high-action “Storm Clouds” dance drama by the Hong Kong Dance Company will be featured at the virtual Asian Heritage Month International Dance Festival from May 22 to 24. Based on a well-loved martial arts comic series “The Storm Riders” by renowned Hong Kong comic book author Ma Wing-shing, this drama will be among

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the many Canadian and international dance performances to be featured at the Festival. Ticket by donation.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-little-pear-garden-dance-company-le-compagnie-de-danse-le-jardin-petite-poire/events/asian-heritage-month-international-dance-festival/?fbclid=IwAR04ngBJayGK9ddBYe18OgpGqBXIdT4Z6XVZrURdBSpXo4ID4IaA0o-gFU>

Webinar on Opportunities in Infrastructure/PPP Sector in Asia for Canadian Companies (May 27)

The Hong Kong Trade Development Council, HKETO and other organisations will co-organise a webinar on May 27 at 10am (EDT)/7am (PDT) to discuss the latest developments and trends of the infrastructure and public private partnership (PPP) sectors in Asia in post-COVID recovery, as well as opportunities for Canadian businesses. Thought leaders in Asia and Canada will exchange experience and insights and chart actions for Canadian companies aspiring to expand to Asia to seize these opportunities.

For details and registration: <https://bit.ly/3gSRguz>

Webinar on Opportunities in the Healthcare Sector in Asia in the new normal for Canadian Companies (June 3)

The Hong Kong Trade Development Council, HKETO and other organisations will co-organise a webinar on June 3 at 10am (EDT)/7am (PDT) to look at the future of the healthcare sector from business and innovation perspectives, including the rising healthcare market in Asia, the healthcare investment landscape in Hong Kong and its strategic role in the region.

Speakers include Canada Research Chair in Artificial Intelligence and Medical Imaging of University of Waterloo Dr Alexander Wong, Associate Scientist of the Ottawa Hospital and Region Imaging Associates Dr Andre Carrington and Head of Innovation and Technology of InvestHK Mr Andy Wong, etc.

For details and registration: <http://bit.ly/june3healthcarewebinar>

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

FS assures Canadian political and business community on Hong Kong's edge and competitiveness as international financial centre

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, Mr Paul Chan, attended a webinar on May 12 to update the Canadian political and business community on Hong Kong's edge and competitiveness as an international financial centre, its active role in national development and the ample opportunities for Canadian businesses.

In his opening remarks, Mr Chan highlighted that, despite the pandemic's economic fallout and the social unrest that preceded it, Hong Kong's financial market has functioned well with its unique advantages under the "one country, two systems" principle, the rule of law and other institutional strengths. Mr Chan added that the upbeat prospects for Hong Kong's future are affirmed by the National 14th Five-Year Plan which outlines high-quality development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Addressing concerns about the stability of Hong Kong's society, Mr Chan emphasised the restoration of social and political stability through the enactment of the national security law and the impending improvements to the electoral system of Hong Kong, which has created a safe and secure environment conducive to business and investment for the people of Hong Kong, for Canadian business and investment and for companies from all over the world.

The webinar was organised by the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. More than 100 participants joined the webinar.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/fs-assures-canadian-political-and-business-community-on-hong-kongs-edge-and-competitiveness-as-international-financial-centre.html>

HKETO supports Asian Heritage Month celebration event

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the virtual Asian Heritage Month celebration event organised by the International Lions Clubs District 711 in Ontario on May 8.

Speaking at the event, Ms Mo noted that Hong Kong, same as Canada, is an international cultural metropolis where the eastern and western cultures meet. The HKSAR Government supports the city's art groups and artists to showcase to the world the cultural strength and artistic achievements of Hong Kong.

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Ms Mo is pleased to bring to audience in Canada a specular dance performance of “Convergence” by the Hong Kong Dance Company at the event. She invited participants to plan a visit to Hong Kong to have a taste of the vibrant and international culture of this Asia’s world city in future.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-asian-heritage-month-celebration-event.html>

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Government tightens boarding and quarantine requirements for persons arriving from certain overseas places and Taiwan

The HKSAR Government announced on May 16 and May 17 respectively that the boarding and quarantine requirements for persons arriving from Taiwan and certain overseas places will be tightened.

In view of the persistent unstable epidemic situation in various places, as well as the prevalent transmission and outbreaks of cases involving the more transmissible and potentially more serious mutant virus strains, the HKSAR Government specifies Taiwan as medium -risk Group C specified place with effect from May 17, and Argentina, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Singapore as high-risk Group B specified places with effect from May 21.

All persons who have stayed in the relevant places on the day of boarding or during the 14 days before that day, will have to present at boarding a negative result proof of a nucleic acid test for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the aircraft, as well as the confirmation of a room reservation in a designated quarantine hotel in Hong Kong. On arrival at Hong Kong, they will be subject to the “test-and-hold” arrangement at the airport, and on confirmation of negative test results, they will then be required to board the designated transport arranged by the Government to proceed to the designated quarantine hotels for compulsory quarantine. In accordance with the requirements applicable to Group B and Group C specified places, non-Hong Kong residents who have stayed in the above mentioned places will be denied entry into Hong Kong.

Details on the grouping of specified places and their respective boarding and compulsory quarantine requirements can be found at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/high-risk-places.html.

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Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/17/P2021051700716.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/16/P2021051600804.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on May 13 that a number of enhancement measures are being put in place to further strengthen the infection control at designated quarantine hotels.

Apart from the existing pre-departure and/or post-arrival tests, the Government will introduce an additional test at designated quarantine hotels on the third day of arrival. Depending on the risk levels of places where the persons arriving at Hong Kong depart from and the applicable compulsory quarantine periods, the number of tests these persons subject to during compulsory quarantine will also be increased.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/13/P2021051300907.htm>

Government extends social distancing measures under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance

The HKSAR Government gazetted directions and specifications under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F), the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G) and the Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) Regulation (Cap. 599I) to maintain the social distancing measures currently in place. The above directions and specifications will take effect till May 26.

A spokesman for the Food and Health Bureau said that according to the new direction in fighting the pandemic, the HKSAR Government relaxed certain restrictions with “vaccine bubble” as the basis, with a view to responding to the aspirations of various trades and the public to resume normal daily lives as soon as possible.

For details of the latest requirements and restrictions, please visit the link below:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/13/P2021051300512.htm>

Target date of inaugural flights under HK-Singapore Air Travel Bubble deferred

The HKSAR Government announced on May 17 that in view of the recent COVID-19 epidemic situation in Singapore, the Governments of the HKSAR and Singapore have decided to defer the target date of the inaugural flights under the bilateral Air Travel Bubble (ATB) scheduled for May 26.

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A Government spokesman said that the two governments will continue to closely monitor the epidemic situation in both places till June 13. During this period, both sides will continue to maintain communication, exchange relevant data and statistics, and review developments closely before deciding on the way forward with the inaugural flights under the ATB.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/17/P2021051700500.htm>

Hong Kong ranked third most preferred seat for arbitration globally

The Department of Justice of the HKSAR Government welcomed the 2021 International Arbitration Survey released by Queen Mary University of London on May 7 in which Hong Kong is ranked the third most preferred seat for arbitration worldwide.

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, said that Hong Kong's strength in dispute resolution is premised on its infrastructure, business opportunities and pool of talents. Hong Kong's Judiciary is independent and impartial while its common law system provides a degree of certainty and predictability for investors and the international business community.

The result of the 2021 International Arbitration Survey is a recognition of Hong Kong's long-standing and unwavering commitment to the promotion of arbitral services.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/07/P2021050700632.htm>

HK innovations win acclaim at International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva

The Chief Executive (CE) of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, on May 17 officiated at the CE's Reception for Awardees of International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva 2021 to commend Hong Kong research and development (R&D) talents for their inventions winning worldwide acclaim.

Among over 350 exhibitors this year, the Hong Kong delegation won 14 Gold Medals with Congratulations of the Jury, 47 Gold Medals, 61 Silver Medals and 14 Bronze Medals, totalling a record high of 136 awards.

The International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva is the largest global exhibition devoted exclusively to inventions. All the exhibited inventions have been evaluated by an

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international jury of specialists. The event was held online for the first time this year, showcasing about 600 inventions from 24 countries and regions.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/17/P2021051700521.htm>

Fargo Space multi-family office club opens in Hong Kong

Mainland-based Fargo Wealth Group Limited announced on May 5 that it has opened a multi-family office club, Fargo Space, providing high-net-worth and external asset manager (EAM) clients in Hong Kong with a premium working and leisure space with one-stop shop service for various business needs. Fargo Space is located in downtown Tsim Sha Tsui.

Fargo Space is Asia's first fully integrated family office equipped with co-working space, a sophisticated innovative work model that stands out in the traditional wealth management area. It offers different sizes of meeting rooms with different themes catering to the specific needs of its clients. It also provides various support services to private bankers, EAM clients and family offices to enable a one-stop shop concierge service.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/05/P2021050500321.htm>

Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021

The HKSAR Government on May 18 announced that it would introduce the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 into the Legislative Council (LegCo) to create a new pathway for admission of qualified non-locally trained doctors who are Hong Kong permanent residents to practise in Hong Kong.

A spokesperson for the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) said "There is a severe shortage of doctors in Hong Kong to meet the increasing demand for public healthcare services amidst the ageing population. According to the Healthcare Manpower Projection 2020 conducted by the FHB, the shortage of doctors will not only remain in the years to come but also become more acute with the projected shortfall of doctors reaching 1 610 and 1 949 in 2030 and 2040 respectively."

The Bill stipulates that in order to be eligible for full registration in Hong Kong, a non-locally trained doctor has to fulfil certain criteria, including:

(a) he/she is a Hong Kong permanent resident;

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- (b) he/she holds a recognised medical qualification awarded by a non-local medical school and possesses medical registration in any place where the non-local medical schools concerned are located;
- (c) he/she has been engaged in full-time employment as a medical practitioner with special registration in any of the public healthcare institutions (i.e. the Hospital Authority (HA), the Department of Health and the medical schools of the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong) for at least five years after obtaining specialist qualification; and
- (d) he/she is considered by the employing healthcare institutions to have served satisfactorily and competently as a medical practitioner during the period of five years (or more).

The Bill will be gazetted on Friday (May 21), and will then be introduced into LegCo on June 2.

For details of the Bill, please visit the FHB's website (http://www.fhb.gov.hk/en/press_and_publications/otherinfo/210500_amendments_mro/index.html).

Click the following link for details.
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/18/P2021051800390.htm?fontSize=1>

Media partnership to promote Hong Kong's strength

Business Insider, in partnership with the Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government, has created a piece of branded content "Into the New - New Routes" to explain why the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) is a catalyst for economic growth in Asia and beyond, and how Hong Kong is playing a pivotal role in harnessing the collective economic force of the GBA cities.

Please click the following link for details of the article:
[businessinsider.com/sc/greater-bay-area-catalyst-for-economic-growth-asia-2021-5](https://www.businessinsider.com/sc/greater-bay-area-catalyst-for-economic-growth-asia-2021-5)

In addition, ISD has commissioned Xinhua News Agency to launch an online content hub to highlight Hong Kong's strengths and promote the city as a safe, law-abiding, civilised, pluralistic and inclusive society.

The hub provides news, caption stories and videos in relation to the latest developments in Hong Kong in finance, innovation and technology, logistics and transport (aviation in particular), legal and arbitration services as well as other professional services, arts and

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culture, and creativity industries. The hub will be updated on a daily basis until March 2022.

Please click the following link for details:

<http://www.xinhuanet.com/gangao/zt/xjyxfz/index.htm>

Recruitment of qualified doctors outside Hong Kong

Department of Health of the HKSAR Government 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 \(without full registration\)](#)

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

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