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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, non-Hong Kong residents will be denied entry to Hong Kong if they have stayed in any Group A1 or Group A2 specified places on the day of arrival at Hong Kong or during the 14 days before that day. Details on the grouping of specified places and their respective boarding and compulsory quarantine requirements can be found at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has also adjusted the boarding, quarantine and testing arrangements for persons arriving at Hong Kong (including Hong Kong residents returning to Hong Kong) who have completed their COVID-19 vaccination course under the "vaccine bubble" concept.

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 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](http://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk) 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](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html) for details.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

2021 Hong Kong Week

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

HKETO is hosting the 2021 Hong Kong Week and the programme will run till July 31. This event aims to promote Hong Kong's strengths, advantages and potential with emphasis on the core values and attributes of the city.

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

Jointly presented by HKETO, the Hong Kong Arts Centre and the Chinese Canadian Photographic Society of Toronto, The Transformative Chic – The Everlasting Cheongsam Exhibition is a major event of the 2021 Hong Kong Week. Through this exhibition of the works of nine premier Hong Kong designers, we hope to give audience a glance of the unique charm and transformative nature of cheongsam – an Intangible Cultural Heritage entity of UNESCO and a powerful cultural icon of Hong Kong.

In Toronto, the exhibition is being held at Yorkville Village till end of this week. Do grasp the last chance to have a glimpse of the beautiful exhibits at the Oval, Yorkville Village, 55 Avenue Road, Toronto.

Click here to read the details:

<https://www.hongkongweek.ca/cheongsam-exhibition-toronto>

2. 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 of the exhibit

<https://bcsportshall.com/exhibit/dragon-boat/>

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FANTASIA International Film Festival 2021

The Fantasia International Film Festival 2021 will take place from August 5 to 25 in virtual and in-person hybrid mode. In partnership with HKETO, the Festival will present six Hong Kong films including:

- 1) SEPTET: THE STORY OF HK (七人樂隊) - live screening at the Imperial Theatre of Montreal on August 9
- 2) RAGING FIRE (怒火) - live screening at the Imperial Theatre of Montreal on August 10
- 3) ONE SECOND CHAMPION (一秒拳王) - virtual screening on August 21
- 4) TIME (殺出個黃昏) - virtual screening on August 23
- 5) HARD ROLLED CIGARETTE (手捲煙) - virtual screening on August 24
- 6) RETURN OF THE BASTARD SWORDSMAN (布衣神相) - virtual screening from August 6 to 25

Tickets are on sale now. Please click the following link for details:

<https://fantasiafestival.com/en/how-to-buy-tickets>

Information about the five Hong Kong films is available at:

<https://fantasiafestival.com/en/festival-2021/program/movies?countryId=581708>

RECENT ACTIVITY

HKETO Director joins webinar to promote cleantech opportunities in Hong Kong

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, spoke at the “Green Opportunities Abound in Hong Kong and The Greater Bay Area” webinar hosted by the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) (Montreal Section), Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) in Canada, HKETO and other organisations on July 22. The webinar discussed how Canadian cleantech companies can make use of the Hong Kong platform to diversify their business to Asia.

In delivering welcome remarks at the webinar, Ms Mo introduced to the audience the unique business advantages of Hong Kong. She also noted that Hong Kong's environmental industry is widely recognised as a new growth sector.

Ms Mo remarked that both Hong Kong and Canada share a common goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. In this regard, Hong Kong has been exploring various solutions to combat climate change.

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Ms Mo also highlighted the vast opportunities offered by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) development. GBA is designed to become a clean energy and low-carbon region and it presented a lot of golden opportunities. Ms Mo encouraged Canadian companies that are thinking to expand to China or Asia to explore the favourable business environment offered by Hong Kong.

Chaired by the Vice President of the Montreal Section of HKCBA Mr Jamie Kerr, the webinar was joined by other speakers including representatives from the Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong, Écotech Québec, ORCA Asia, and HKTDC Toronto office.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-joins-webinar-to-promote-cleantech-opportunities-in-hong-kong-2.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Cheung Ka-long wins the first medal at Tokyo Olympics for Hong Kong

Hong Kong fencer Cheung Ka-long on July 26 won the gold medal in the Men's Foil Individual competition of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games for Hong Kong.

It is Hong Kong athletes' first medal at this Olympic Games, the first fencing medal in the Olympic Games in Hong Kong's history as well as the first Olympic gold medal after the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and the city's second gold medal after the one at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, expressed her heartfelt congratulations to Cheung Ka-long and his coach.

Cheung Ka-long has performed remarkably in recent years. He was the Men's Foil Individual champion at the 2016 Asian Fencing Championships, the first Hong Kong fencer to win the gold medal in the event. In 2018, he also won a bronze medal in Men's Foil Individual competition in the Asian Games.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202107/26/P2021072600780.htm>

Siobhan Bernadette Haughey wins Tokyo Olympics medal for Hong Kong

The Hong Kong, China Delegation to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games brought good news to the territory again on July 28. Hong Kong swimming athlete Siobhan Bernadette

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Haughey won the silver medal in the Women’s 200m Freestyle for Hong Kong. It is the first medal in a swimming event at the Olympic Games in Hong Kong’s history and the second Olympic silver medal after the one awarded at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, extended her warmest congratulations to Haughey.

Siobhan Bernadette Haughey has started a glorious new chapter for Hong Kong swimming by winning a silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics. She first won the silver medal in the Women’s 200m Individual Medley event in the Summer Youth Olympic Games 2014. In the same year, her teams won bronze medals in the Women’s 4x100m Medley Relay and the Women’s 4x200m Freestyle Relay in the Asian Games.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202107/28/P2021072800395.htm>

Government to maintain most of the social distancing measures

The HKSAR Government will gazette amendments, 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 most of the social distancing measures currently in place, and introduce a new type of scheduled premises, namely “event premises”, with a view to specifying restrictions and requirements applicable to certain events with greater clarity so that social and economic activities can be resumed gradually in a controlled manner. The above directions and specifications will take effect till August 4.

A spokesman for the Food and Health Bureau of the HKSAR Government said that many social and economic activities have gradually resumed over time under the two phases of relaxation of social distancing measures based on “vaccine bubble”, allowing the general public to resume normal life slowly. In addition, the Government will introduce “event premises”, where specified events such as meetings, forums, symposiums, exhibitions, ceremonial events and celebratory events can be conducted subject to the adoption of relevant infection control measures.

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

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202107/21/P2021072100493.htm>

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Malicious US attempts to damage Hong Kong’s reputation as a global business hub doomed to fail

A HKSAR Government spokesman said on July 17 that the implementation of the National Security Law has reinforced Hong Kong’s position as an international financial and business hub, despite repeated attempts by the US Administration to slander the legislation over the last year.

The spokesman noted that the US Administration’s latest attempt to issue a so-called “advisory” to US businesses and individuals operating in Hong Kong based on totally ridiculous and unfounded fear-mongering about the situation in Hong Kong only serves to prove yet again its hypocrisy and double standards, driven by ideological hegemony.

He added that after the implementation of the National Security Law, stability has been restored in society and Hong Kong people can once again enjoy their legitimate rights and freedoms. The rule of law and judicial independence in Hong Kong are as robust as ever.

As a free and open economy as well as an international city, Hong Kong will continue to welcome overseas businesses, including US businesses, to set up offices in Hong Kong and to use Hong Kong as their regional headquarters or regional offices.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202107/17/P2021071700044.htm>

For the statement by Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Ms Carrie Lam, on US Secretary of State’s Statement on National Security Law, please click below for the full text:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202107/17/P2021071700675.htm>

CE attends APEC Informal Leaders’ Retreat

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Informal Leaders’ Retreat via video conferencing on July 16 to exchange views with leaders of the other economies on strategies to fight against COVID-19 and accelerate economic recovery.

In the meeting, participating leaders took turns sharing their views on collaboration opportunities for the Asia-Pacific region to emerge from the health crisis and accelerate the economic recovery in a manner that will lay the foundation for a better future.

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Highlighting the importance of vaccines, Mrs Lam said that it is imperative for APEC member economies to ensure adequate access to vaccines and take part in the World Health Organization system.

As members of the global community, Mrs Lam called on APEC member economies to pursue areas for further collaboration. These include collective efforts to remove unnecessary trade barriers and enhance trade facilitation to support open and effective supply chains for vaccines.

The retreat was hosted by the Prime Minister of New Zealand and Chair of APEC 2021, Ms Jacinda Ardern.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202107/16/P2021071600840.htm>

Hong Kong students triumph at international physics and mathematical tournaments

Two teams of students representing Hong Kong have achieved excellent results at the 51st International Physics Olympiad (IPhO 2021) and the 62nd International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO 2021). Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, contestants participated in the competitions in their own country or region under online monitoring and joined virtual activities.

The IPhO 2021, organised by Vilnius, Lithuania, was held from July 17 to 24 and around 370 students from 76 countries or regions competed for the medals. The Hong Kong team won three gold medals and two silver medals which is the best result in recent years.

The IMO 2021, hosted by St Petersburg, Russia, was held from July 14 to 24, with the participation of around 619 students from 107 countries or regions. The Hong Kong team won one gold medal, three silver medals and one bronze medal.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202107/25/P2021072300413.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

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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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