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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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Under the border control measures of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government introduced on August 9, 2021, overseas places are categorised into high-risk, medium-risk and low-risk groups. Canada is currently in Group B (Medium-risk) group, under which Hong Kong residents and fully vaccinated non-Hong Kong residents are allowed to board flights for Hong Kong.

Travellers from Canada are required to present at boarding (i) a negative result proof of a polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the aircraft; (ii) confirmation in English or Chinese of room reservation in a designated quarantine hotel in Hong Kong; and (iii) a vaccination record if applicable. The same requirements apply to travellers who have stayed in Canada during the 14 days before boarding the flight to Hong Kong. Please refer to the webpage <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html#quarantinemeasuresofinbound> for details.

The "COVID-19 Thematic Website" of the HKSAR Government has been added to the official website of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO). You are invited to browse the page by clicking the banner on top of [HKETO website](#) or the 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.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Asialicious Carnival

The three-day weekend Asialicious Carnival will be held at Woodside Square in Scarborough from September 10 to 12. It is an annual event to showcase diverse Asian culture and heritage through a variety of food including Hong Kong style cuisine as well as activities such as a free movie night, a “Starry Night” variety show followed by fireworks, and multicultural performances. HKETO is a sponsor of the event.

Click the following link for details.

<https://asialiciousto.com/carnival/>

Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival

The 33rd Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival organised by the Toronto Chinese Business Association will be held at the Marilyn Bell Park of Toronto on September 11 and 12, 2021. A Hong Kong booth featuring a mini exhibition about the history of dragon boating will be set up at the venue for visitors to learn more about Tuen Ng Festival. HKETO is a sponsor of the event.

Click the following link for details.

<http://www.tcbacanada.com/dragon-boat-festival/>

MCBA’s Community Crime Awareness Day cum Mid-autumn Festival Celebration

Mississauga Chinese Business Association will organise the 2021 Community Crime Awareness Day cum Mid-autumn Festival Celebration on September 18. This event will be held virtually and live streamed on YouTube and Facebook for local residents including those from the Chinese community to come together and learn about community safety and policing issues in Peel Region, while celebrating the Mid-autumn Festival together. For details, please visit <http://mcba-canada.com/ccad/>

HONG KONG NEWS

Government tightens quarantine requirements for persons arriving from 16 overseas places

The HKSAR Government announced on August 16 that the quarantine requirements for persons arriving from 16 overseas places have been tightened in view of the latest

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developments of the COVID-19 epidemic situation. The arrangement took effect from August 20.

A Government spokesman said that the global COVID-19 epidemic situation is under serious threat from the Delta variant. After considering a basket of factors, the HKSAR Government decided to upgrade the risk grouping of 16 overseas places to impose more stringent boarding, quarantine and testing requirements on relevant inbound travellers.

The 15 overseas places upgraded from Group B specified places (medium-risk) to Group A specified places (high-risk) include Bangladesh, Cambodia, France, Greece, Iran, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America.

In addition, Australia will be upgraded from Group C specified place (low-risk) to Group B specified place (medium-risk).

Details on the relevant arrangements and the corresponding boarding and compulsory quarantine requirements for respective specified places can be found at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/16/P2021081600483.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on August 19 that for persons arriving at Hong Kong who have stayed in medium-risk Group B specified places (including Canada), Taiwan or low-risk Group C specified places, if they hold vaccination records that are issued by the relevant authorities or relevant institutions where the vaccines were administered, will be regarded as fulfilling the boarding and compulsory quarantine period-related vaccination record requirements.

For persons arriving at Hong Kong who had stayed in high-risk Group A specified places, they must hold recognised vaccination records so as to be regarded as fulfilling the relevant requirements. Hong Kong residents from the high-risk Group A specified places are currently required to hold recognised vaccination records for boarding flights for Hong Kong, and they must undergo compulsory quarantine in designated quarantine hotels for 21 days upon arrival at Hong Kong. The relevant requirements remain unchanged.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/20/P2021082000004.htm>

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Meanwhile, 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 most of the social distancing measures currently in place. The above directions and specifications will take effect from August 19 to September 1.

Please click the following link for details about the requirements and restrictions under the latest directions:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/17/P2021081700802.htm>

HKSAR Government holds talk on National 14th Five-Year Plan

The talk on the National 14th Five-Year Plan was held on August 23 at the Central Government Offices. The theme of the talk was “Actively Seizing the Opportunities of the National 14th Five-Year Plan, Hong Kong to Proactively Integrate into the Country’s Overall Development”.

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, said that the National 14th Five-Year Plan will bring to Hong Kong vitality and golden opportunities. Apart from the continuous support for Hong Kong in enhancing its status as an international financial, transportation and trade centre, as well as a centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region, the Plan has raised for the first time its support for Hong Kong in four emerging sectors, namely supporting Hong Kong to enhance its status as an international aviation hub and develop into an international innovation and technology hub, a regional intellectual property trading centre and a hub for arts and cultural exchanges between China and the rest of the world. It also mentions the support for high-quality Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development.

The talk was attended by more than 200 guests, including a delegation led by Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council Mr Huang Liuquan, the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government (LOCPG) in the HKSAR, Mr Luo Huining and representatives of the LOCPG, the governing team of the HKSAR Government, the Chairman of the University Grants Committee, Mr Carlson Tong; the Chairman of the Research Grants Council, Professor Wong Yuk-shan; and Presidents of universities.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/23/P2021082300628.htm>

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CE attends Policy Address public consultation session

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, on August 22 attended a public consultation session for the 2021 Policy Address to listen to views and suggestions of members of the public on the upcoming Policy Address. More than 100 people from various districts participated in person or online, including members of ethnic minorities.

More than 30 members of the public spoke at the public consultation session. Their views covered a wide range of areas, including land and housing, arts and culture, district development and transport, national education and arrangement for cross-boundary students.

Since launching the public consultation exercise for the 2021 Policy Address on July 6, Mrs Lam has hosted 25 consultation sessions in different formats. Mrs Lam will host about 10 more consultation sessions in the coming weeks to meet with different sectors and groups. She will deliver the Policy Address on October 6.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/22/P2021082200503.htm>

HKSAR Government welcomes SFC's approval for HKEX to launch A-share index futures contract in Hong Kong

The HKSAR Government welcomes the announcement made by the Securities and Futures Commission on August 20 about the approval for Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited to launch the MSCI China A-share index futures contract in Hong Kong.

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, said that with the support of the Central Government, a number of mutual capital market access schemes were successfully launched over the past years. Launching the A-shares index futures contract in Hong Kong will expand the product scope offering in Hong Kong's capital markets, strengthen Hong Kong's offshore Renminbi businesses and deepen the collaboration between the two capital markets, thereby contributing to the further development of the Mainland's capital market towards internationalisation. This demonstrates that Hong Kong can fully leverage its advantages and integrate into the national development.

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, Mr Paul Chan, also remarked that launching the product will further reinforce Hong Kong's function as a global offshore Renminbi business hub, an international asset management centre and a risk management centre as outlined in the National 14th Five-Year Plan, and enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness as an international financial centre.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/20/P2021082000646.htm?fontSize=1>

Video of “Amazing Virtual Tour of Hong Kong”

The Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government produced a video “Amazing Virtual Tour of Hong Kong” to showcase the great aerial content of Hong Kong. Please click the following links to watch the video:

<https://youtu.be/j4GHDuLenVM> (short version)

<https://youtu.be/0GC1zeyn8gA> (full version)

ICAC updates international communities on anti-corruption efforts

The latest issue of the ICAC’s electronic newsletter, ICAC Post #43, has been uploaded on the ICAC corporate website.

Highlights of this issue are:

- Safeguarding clean elections under improved electoral system
- Track and curb: banking bribery variants in COVID-19 pandemic
- Powering up global graft-fight
- Engaging young generations in integrity education
- HK remains clean and most competitive

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.icac.org.hk/icac/post/issue43/en/index.html>

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)).

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