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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:

#### Toronto

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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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## **HKETO JOB VACANCY**

### **Administrative Assistant**

Applications are invited for the post of Administrative Assistant in the HKETO. The suitable applicant should be a high school graduate with at least 3 years of experience as an Administrative Assistant; or a post-secondary diploma / degree holder with at least 1 year of administrative experience. The applicant must be fluent in written and spoken English and Chinese (Cantonese), have good interpersonal and communication skills, and possess good general knowledge about Hong Kong and Canada.

The holder of the post will provide administrative support and report to the Deputy Director of HKETO. Main duties include managing appointments and travel plans, providing administrative support such as documents handling and filing, providing administrative and logistical support for events/activities and visits by officials, conducting research on topical issues, creating social media posts, and carrying out other office duties as required.

Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to [info@hketotoronto.gov.hk](mailto:info@hketotoronto.gov.hk) **on or before September 26, 2021**.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/employment.html#hketo>

## **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. A Hong Kong booth featuring a mini exhibition about the history of

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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/>

### **Webinar on Canada-Asia Supply Chain and Logistics Trends in the New Normal, Challenges and Opportunities**

The Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (Toronto), HKETO and other organisations will co-organise a webinar on September 29 to discuss ways to mitigate the supply chain risks and tapping business possibilities in the new normal with particular reference to the Canada-Asia traffic flow. Free registration at: <https://toronto.hkcba.com/events/webinar-canada-asia-supply-chain-and-logistics-trends-challenges-and-opportunities-in-the-new-normal>

## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **Government maintains most of the 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 most of the social distancing measures currently in place. The above directions and specifications will take effect until September 15.

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

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/31/P2021083100509.htm>

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Meanwhile, the HKSAR Government announced on September 7 the resumption of quarantine exemption for persons returning from both Mainland areas other than Guangdong Province and Macao under the Return2hk Scheme, given the COVID-19 pandemic situation has stabilised in Hong Kong, Macao and the mainland of China.

Starting from September 8, Hong Kong residents staying in Mainland provinces and municipalities other than Guangdong Province, and Macao, upon fulfilment of all specified conditions under the Return2hk Scheme, could be exempted from the 14-day compulsory quarantine requirement when returning to Hong Kong. The online booking system will accept quota applications from Hong Kong residents returning to Hong Kong from both Mainland areas other than Guangdong Province and Macao.

Details of the Return2hk Scheme are available at [return2hk.gov.hk](https://return2hk.gov.hk)

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/07/P2021090700888.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on September 6 that it has concluded discussions with the Governments of India, Malaysia, Pakistan and Thailand to accept vaccination records issued by the relevant authorities of these countries as recognised vaccination records for Hong Kong residents who have stayed in Group A specified places under the mechanism. The relevant arrangements will take effect on September 8.

The Government has also concluded discussions with the Government of Korea on the arrangements regarding the recognition of vaccination records, which will take effect on September 8. Although Korea is currently not a Group A specified place, the relevant arrangements will enable Hong Kong residents who hold vaccination records issued by the relevant authorities of the country in the prescribed format to board a flight for Hong Kong from Group A specified places.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/06/P2021090600671.htm>

The HKSAR Government also announced on September 7 that further steps would be taken to replace deep throat saliva specimen by combined nasal and throat swab samples collected by professionals as recognised compulsory testing method except for certain circumstances, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of COVID-19 testing arrangements. The new arrangement will enhance the reliability of compulsory testing, making it more effective in the course of securing the protective barrier of Hong Kong.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/07/P2021090700940.htm>

### **High-level Meeting cum Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation Meeting 2021**

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, and the Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee, Mr Wang Weizhong, leading the delegations of the governments of the HKSAR and Shenzhen respectively, held the High-level Meeting cum Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation Meeting 2021 (the Meeting) in Shenzhen on September 6. The two governments reviewed the achievements made since the last Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation Meeting and set out the directions for co-operation in the coming year.

Mrs Lam said that this year marks the beginning of the implementation of the National 14th Five-Year Plan, together with the enormous opportunities brought by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. It is particularly meaningful that the Meeting this year is held, for the first time, in the form of a high-level meeting cum co-operation meeting, and with the participation of the Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee and the Chief Executive of the HKSAR.

The areas of future co-operation outlined at the Meeting include 1) Innovation and Technology, 2) Financial Services, 3) Professional Services, 4) Qianhai Development, 5) Education Co-operation, 6) Medical Co-operation, 7) Youth Development, and 8) Investment Promotion.

The governments of the two places have also made steady progress in other areas of co-operation such as environmental protection, culture and retirement services.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/06/P2021090600770.htm>

### **HKSAR Government welcomes Ministry of Science and Technology's announcement of series of new measures benefitting Hong Kong**

The HKSAR Government on September 7 welcomed the announcement made by the Ministry of Science and Technology on a number of new measures benefitting Hong Kong to strengthen the support for Hong Kong's innovation and technology development at a seminar on the Central Government's science and technology policies benefitting Hong Kong.

The measures benefitting Hong Kong include opening up more national-level science and

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technology programmes to Hong Kong; allowing young academics in Hong Kong to apply for the “Young Scientists Fund” under the National Natural Science Foundation of China; welcoming personnel and experts in Hong Kong’s science and technology sector to participate in nationwide academic associations of the China Association for Science and Technology as well as be admitted to the National Science and Technology Expert Database and the Award Assessment Expert Database; enhancing the mechanism on shared use of large-scale instruments and equipment for research and development with Hong Kong; deepening science and technology exchanges between people in the Mainland and Hong Kong; and supporting Hong Kong to participate in the setting up of a National Center of Technology Innovation.

The seminar was jointly organised by the Innovation and Technology Bureau, the Greater Bay Area Association of Academicians and the Beijing-Hong Kong Academic Exchange Centre.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/07/P2021090700794.htm>

### **CE welcomes State Council’s agreement for Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to host 15th National Games**

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, on August 26 welcomed the agreement of the State Council for Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to host the 15th National Games in 2025.

Mrs Lam said that hosting the National Games by Hong Kong in 2025 together with Guangdong and Macao is a significant move that will promote Hong Kong’s sports development, after the city has achieved its best results in history at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Mrs Lam remarked that the Kai Tak Sports Park, which will comprise a main stadium accommodating 50 000 spectators, a 10 000-seat indoor sports centre and a 5 000-seat public sports ground, will be commissioned in 2023. Together with the Hong Kong Velodrome, where many international competitions have been held, and other sports facilities, the foundation is in place for Hong Kong to take part in the hosting of the 15th National Games.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/26/P2021082600818.htm>

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## **Hong Kong athletes make remarkable achievements in Tokyo Paralympics**

The various events participated by Hong Kong athletes in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games have successfully completed. CE of the HKSAR extended her warmest congratulations to the Hong Kong, China Delegation (the Hong Kong team) for the remarkable achievements of claiming two silver and three bronze medals.

Mrs Lam noted that the athletes' performances are admirable, which are the results of their hard work over the years. Their achievements inspire other people with disabilities in Hong Kong and fill Hong Kong with positive energy.

The winning athletes are:

- silver medalists Leung Yuk-wing, Vivian Lau and Wong Kwan-hang in the Boccia Mixed BC4 Pairs event
- silver medalist Chu Man-kai in the Badminton Men's Singles SH6 event
- bronze medalist Leung Yuk-wing in the Boccia Mixed Individual BC4 event
- bronze medalist Wong Ting-ting in the Table Tennis Women's Singles TT11 event
- bronze medalist Chan Ho-yuen in the Badminton Men's Singles WH2 event

The HKSAR Government has all along been giving full support for Hong Kong athletes with disabilities. A pilot scheme on Elite Vote Support System for Disability Sports was launched in 2017 and regularised in 2019 to provide athletes with disabilities with the opportunity to receive full-time training and direct financial support. CE also announced in early August five measures to further the development of sports in Hong Kong.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/01/P2021090100205.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/04/P2021090400494.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/28/P2021082800301.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/05/P2021090500259.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/05/P2021090500394.htm>

## **Hong Kong residents born in 1977, 1978 or 1979 should apply for new smart identity cards between September 20 and November 18, 2021**

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSAR Government announced on August 27 that Hong Kong residents born in 1977, 1978 or 1979 and holding the old form of smart identity card should bring along their old form of smart identity card and apply for new smart identity cards in person at a Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre (SIDCC) from September 20 to November 18, 2021.

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The Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise covers all Hong Kong residents, who should apply for new smart identity cards in person at the SIDCCs during specified periods, whether they are permanent residents or non-permanent residents taking up employment, investment, residence or study in Hong Kong. Eligible Hong Kong residents who are absent from Hong Kong during their call-up period can apply within 30 days upon their return to Hong Kong.

In addition, children born in 2005 to 2007 or 2012 to 2018 and holding the old form of smart identity card are reminded that their specified period for identity card replacement will end on September 18, 2021.

Applicants can make appointment bookings via the ImmD mobile application, the Internet ([www.gov.hk/newicbooking](http://www.gov.hk/newicbooking)), or the 24-hour telephone booking hotline 2121 1234. For details of the Replacement Exercise, please visit the website [www.smartid.gov.hk](http://www.smartid.gov.hk) or call the ImmD's enquiry hotline at 2824 6111.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202108/27/P2021082700296.htm>

### **A video on how the Hong Kong economy has weathered the challenges**

The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government has produced a video on how the Hong Kong economy has weathered the challenges of the past three years and its positioning for the future. The video carries a message to Hong Kong's stakeholders that in times of change, Hong Kong goes all in to create opportunities for the city and its partners. With this "Hong Kong In" spirit, the city will continue to work with stakeholders to make Hong Kong a better place to live, learn and grow.

Please click the following links to view the video:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TorontoHKETO/videos/585334445972906/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TorontoHKETO/status/1433093813610983427?s=20>

### **A new website dedicated to the attraction of global talent to Hong Kong**

A new website was created by Invest Hong Kong to include information on the opportunities in Hong Kong, living and working in Hong Kong, startup ecosystem in Hong Kong, and the facilitation measures and services for talents offered by Invest Hong Kong for those interested in making a career in Hong Kong. Please click the following URL for details:

<https://www.liveworkhongkong.gov.hk/>



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