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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 EVENTS**

### **Mississauga Chinese Business Association 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

To commemorate the 30 years of contribution to the success and growth of the business community in Mississauga, the Mississauga Chinese Business Association will host the “Up & Away Gala” on November 27 to support the exciting business recovery, welcome the new Board of Directors and celebrate the holiday season. HKETO is a supporter of the event.

For more information about the event, please visit MCBA’s official webpage:

<https://mcba-canada.com/event/mcba-30th-anniversary-gala/>

### **Webinar on finance and fintech opportunities**

A webinar entitled “Reimagining the Future of Finance: opportunities in Hong Kong and Asia for Canadian companies” will be held on December 8, from 12 noon to 1:15pm (EST) to examine some of the common challenges and observations from the impact of COVID-19, to share insights and suggestions navigating the new normal, and how Canadian businesses can tap the vast investment opportunities in Asia via the Hong Kong platform. The webinar is co-organised by the HKETO, Invest Hong Kong, Hong Kong-Canada Business Association, Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Government of Canada.

Please click the link below to register:

<https://bit.ly/FinanceOppHK>

### **80th Anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong**

St. John Ambulance, Burnaby Division, will hold a virtual event to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong on December 6. The event will witness the strong ties between Hong Kong and Canada, which includes the Battle of Hong Kong where the Canadians helped defend the city 80 years ago. HKETO is a supporter of the event.

## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

### **Hong Kong’s flourishing arts and culture scene features at Cathay Ball 2021**

The Cathay Ball 2021 entitled “Caring Beyond Boundaries” organised by Mon Sheong Foundation was held in hybrid mode on November 6.

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Speaking at the event, Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, is delighted to update participants at the event that M+, the first global museum of contemporary visual culture in Asia, would be opened in Hong Kong on November 12. Around 1,500 works drawn from the M+ Collections would be presented across thirty-three galleries in the museum. Ms Mo encouraged participants to discover the glamorous cultural side of Hong Kong when they plan their next visit to the city.

Participants of the event enjoyed a short video, entitled “Hong Kong – Asia's Cultural Metropolis”, to have a glimpse of the flourishing arts and culture scene in Hong Kong. In addition, a drone video showing an exclusive view of the M+ museum’s spectacular interior, galleries and rooftop garden was also screened at the HKETO sponsored virtual booth.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kongs-flourishing-arts-and-culture-scene-features-at-cathay-ball-2021.html>

### **HKETO supports HKJU Carnival 2021**

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the “HKJU Carnival 2021” hosted by Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni (Ontario) (HKJU) held virtually on November 7 to share the fun with members of alumni from different Hong Kong universities.

Speaking at the carnival in a pre-recorded message, Ms Mo first updated participants on the latest COVID-19 situation in Hong Kong, and noted the city currently recorded case number in single digit and the cases were mostly imported.

On business side, Hong Kong’s economic and financial system continued to demonstrate its strengths and resilience. Ms Mo encouraged participants to learn more about Hong Kong’s unique business advantages in the newly published “Report on Hong Kong’s Business Environment” by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government.

Ms Mo also updated participants that M+ would be opened on November 12. Participants of the carnival enjoyed a short video, entitled “Take a Glimpse at Hong Kong Neighbourhoods”. HKETO is delighted to sponsor the event.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-hkju-carnival-2021.html>

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## **Hong Kong film “Drifting” screens at Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival**

The HKETO is sponsoring the virtual screening of the Hong Kong film “Drifting” at the Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival, Canada’s largest Asian film festival, from November 10 to 19.

Speaking before the screening of “Drifting” in a pre-recorded message, the Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, remarked that Hong Kong has been making movies for more than a century, and has been one of the favourite locations for filmmakers around the globe. In the past decade, Hong Kong movies and moviemakers won over 500 international awards.

Ms Mo added that in order to support the Hong Kong film industry, the HKSAR Government has been adopting a multi-pronged approach in boosting its development. The HKETO will also continue to support Hong Kong films to participate in various international film festivals held in Canada.

The film “Drifting” is directed by a young Hong Kong moviemaker, Jun Li, and features an outstanding ensemble of actors including stars Francis Ng, Tse Kwan-ho and Loletta Lee. Taking a closer look at Hong Kong’s homeless people, the film has been selected for various international film festivals.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-film-drifting-screens-at-toronto-reel-asian-international-film-festival.html>

## **Chinese Restaurant Awards Presentation Ceremony 2021**

To support and unite the Chinese restaurants together in the Greater Vancouver Area to brace through the adversity, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chinese Restaurant Awards Presentation Ceremony was held at the Vancouver Club on November 16. There was a tasting reception and awards presentation at the event. Hong Kong style pastry from an award winner was also featured at the reception. HKETO is a sponsor of the event.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-the-13th-chinese-restaurant-awards.html>

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## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **Hong Kong, China participates actively in APEC 2021 Economic Leaders' Week**

Hong Kong, China has actively participated in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2021 Economic Leaders' Week, pledging support for international cooperation in fighting against the pandemic and championing free trade as a solution for the post-pandemic global economy recovery.

APEC 2021 is hosted by New Zealand under the theme of "Join, Work, Grow. Together". The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, participated in the APEC Business Advisory Council Dialogue on November 11 and the Economic Leaders' Meeting on November 12 respectively via video-conferencing while the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR, Mr Edward Yau, attended the two-day APEC Ministerial Meeting on November 8 and 9.

Speaking at the Economic Leaders' Meeting on November 12, Mrs Lam stressed Hong Kong, China's determination to join all APEC member economies to navigate through the pandemic, and the importance to guard against resurgence of the pandemic.

Mrs Lam gave an account of Hong Kong, China's reassuring economic outlook. With the staunch support of the Central People's Government, Hong Kong, China has formulated an array of initiatives to support the achievement of sustainable development goals.

Mrs Lam reaffirmed Hong Kong, China's unequivocal support for multilateralism and international cooperation in overcoming the global crisis and delivering an inclusive and sustainable recovery. As a champion of free trade, Hong Kong, China steadfastly stands by the rules-based multilateral trading system and will collaborate constructively with other World Trade Organization members for a meaningful outcome at the 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference.

At the end of the meeting, Mrs Lam and Leaders of other APEC member economies endorsed the Aotearoa Plan of Action and issued the APEC 2021 Economic Leaders' Declaration.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202111/12/P2021111200620.htm>

On the previous day, Mrs Lam attended the APEC Economic Leaders' Dialogue with the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) via video conferencing, during which she and

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leaders of the other economies exchanged views with ABAC representatives on the priority issues as economies emerge from COVID-19.

APEC Economic Leaders and ABAC representatives then attended different breakout group discussion sessions. Mrs Lam noted at her session that Hong Kong is among the most effective in the world in controlling COVID-19. The city will continue to promote vaccination and work hard to resume quarantine-free cross-boundary people flow with Mainland China and other parts of the world.

Mrs Lam also said that Hong Kong will strive to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 through a series of decarbonisation efforts, and she welcomed the participation of the business sector.

Reaffirming Hong Kong's commitment to free trade and regional economic cooperation, Mrs Lam also reiterated Hong Kong's interest in its early accession to joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

Also attended the dialogue session with Mrs Lam were the Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development of Canada, Ms Mary Ng; Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Fumio Kishida; the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc; and about 10 ABAC members from various economies.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202111/11/P2021111100777.htm>

### **Hong Kong FinTech Week 2021**

Hong Kong FinTech Week 2021, the city's flagship fintech event, was held on November 3, co-organised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and Invest Hong Kong.

The event provides a platform for participants across the globe to share their innovations, experience and insights. The HKMA announced at the event two new initiatives to further strengthen Hong Kong's fintech capabilities, namely Green bond tokenisation and AML Regtech Lab series.

The HKMA also noted that it has made good progress on the initiatives implemented under its "Fintech 2025" strategy, covering areas including data, cross-boundary fintech cooperation, talent development, Central Bank Digital Currency and funding support.

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The Chief Executive of the HKMA, Mr Eddie Yue said that HKMA will continue to grasp the opportunities presented by fintech, and strive to build an ecosystem where people across all levels can experience the value and benefits of fintech in their everyday lives.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202111/03/P2021110300218.htm>

### **Hong Kong Legal Week 2021 successfully concluded**

The inaugural Rule of Law Signature Engagement Event: “A Journey of Transformation for a Sustainable Future”, organised by the Department of Justice with the support of LAWASIA, was held on November 5, marking the finale of Hong Kong Legal Week 2021.

In delivering her welcome remarks, the Secretary for Justice of the HKSAR, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, stated that the event aimed to have a more in-depth discussion on selected topics involving specific stakeholders. Through discussion, a number of crucial topics including the development of legal technology, advancing access to justice and the importance of objective data, and how cultural, legal traditions and socio-economic factors interplay for the development of the rule of law, the message of building and maintaining more equal and inclusive societies for a sustainable future in the region and beyond were widely spread.

Addressing the opening session, the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, Mr Andrew Cheung Kui-nung, remarked that the successful maintenance of the rule of law is supported by multiple pillars, and one foundational pillar is judicial independence, which is specifically provided for in various Articles of the Basic Law.

The Director General of the International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals, Professor Guo Huadong, in giving his keynote speech, announced that a sustainable development satellite was launched by the centre to provide advanced, open and shared data resources for monitoring and evaluating the sustainable development index representing the interaction between humans and nature.

Two roundtable dialogue sessions and a panel discussion with guest speakers, including young legal practitioners and students were also conducted.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202111/05/P2021110500311.htm>

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## **Government maintains social distancing measures under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance**

The HKSAR Government gazetted the extension of existing social distancing measures till November 24. A spokesman for the Food and Health Bureau of the HKSAR said on November 9 that amid the severe pandemic situation across the world, the Government strives to protect public health and at the same time foster favourable conditions for resuming cross-boundary travel with the Mainland China and cross-border travel in future. To this end, the city needs to maintain the social distancing measures currently in place.

You can click the following link for details of the latest requirements and restrictions:  
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202111/09/P2021110900265.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on November 10 that New Zealand would be specified as a medium-risk Group B specified place in view of the latest developments of the COVID-19 epidemic situation there. The adjustment will take effect from 0.00am on November 17.

Fully vaccinated persons who have stayed in Group B specified places including Canada on the day of arrival at Hong Kong or during the 14 days before that day will be subject to 14-day compulsory quarantine at designated quarantine hotels, with four tests to be conducted during the period, followed by a seven-day self-monitoring period as well as compulsory testing on the 16th and 19th days of arrival at Hong Kong. Relevant Hong Kong residents who are not fully vaccinated will be subject to 21-day compulsory quarantine, with six tests to be conducted during the period. Non-Hong Kong residents who are not fully vaccinated will not be allowed entry.

Details on the corresponding boarding and compulsory quarantine requirements for relevant specified places can be found at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202111/10/P2021111000307.htm>

## **Hong Kong residents born in 1980, 1981 or 1982 should apply for new smart identity cards between November 19, 2021 and January 18, 2022**

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSAR Government announced on November 5 that Hong Kong residents born in 1980, 1981 or 1982 and holding the old form of smart identity card should bring along their identity card and apply for the new



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smart identity cards in person at a Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre from November 19, 2021 to January 18, 2022.

The Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise (Replacement Exercise) covers all Hong Kong residents, who should apply for new smart identity cards in person during specified periods, whether they are permanent residents or non-permanent residents taking up employment, investment, residence or study in Hong Kong.

To avoid the gathering of crowds, the ImmD appeals to applicants to make appointment bookings. 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. For details of the Replacement Exercise, please visit the website [www.smartid.gov.hk](http://www.smartid.gov.hk).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202111/05/P2021110500198.htm>

### **Growing arts ecosystem in Hong Kong**

Two international media, CNBC and the Economist, in partnership with the Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government, created a piece of branded content and a video respectively to shed light on the rapidly growing arts ecosystem in Hong Kong and how M+, a global contemporary visual culture museum, is shaping Asia's art scene.

Media: CNBC

Title: "Hong Kong: Asia's World-Class Art Gallery"

Link: <https://www.cnn.com/advertorial/hong-kong-asias-world-class-art-gallery/>

Media: The Economist

Title: "Hong Kong Looking Ahead - Arts and Culture".

Link:

Full version (1.5 minute) -

<https://impact.economist.com/projects/hong-kong-looking-ahead/arts-and-culture-video/>

Two short versions (30-second) -

<https://twitter.com/economistimpact/status/1459071944452558848>

<https://twitter.com/economistimpact/status/1459071663442591744>

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## **Hong Kong's growing cultural district helps local art scene thrive video**

Euronews (a European, multilingual news TV channel), in partnership with ISD of the HKSAR Government, has produced a five-minute TV segment about the West Kowloon Cultural District and Hong Kong's art scene. Please click the link below for the video in English and French:

English: <https://www.euronews.com/2021/11/15/hong-kong-s-growing-cultural-district-helps-local-art-scene-thrive>

French: <https://fr.euronews.com/2021/11/15/l-aimant-culturel-de-hong-kong-s-agrandit-avec-le-musee-m-de-west-kowloon>

Interviewees:

- Ms Suhanya Raffel, Museum Director of M+
- Dr Louis Ng, Director of Hong Kong Palace Museum
- Mr Arthur de Villepin, Chairman and Co-founder of art gallery Villepinart

## **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](mailto: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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