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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. With effect from 2 December, 2021 Canada will be specified as Group A (High-risk) group, under which non-Hong Kong residents who have stayed in Canada during the 21 days before boarding the flight to Hong Kong are not allowed to enter Hong Kong.

For Hong Kong residents, they can only board a flight for Hong Kong if they have been fully vaccinated and hold a recognised vaccination record. They have to undergo compulsory quarantine in a designated quarantine hotel (DQH) for 21 days upon arrival at Hong Kong, with six tests to be conducted during quarantine, followed by compulsory testing in a Community Testing Centre on the 26th day of arrival at Hong Kong. Please refer to the following press release for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202111/29/P2021112900754.htm>

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 recognised vaccination record. Please refer to the following webpage for details:

<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html#quarantinemeasures2>

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>

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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 EVENTS**

### **HKCBA (Toronto) celebrates Virtual Lunar New Year Celebration**

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) (Toronto) will organise the Lunar New Year Virtual Celebration on January 29, 7 to 9 pm (EST) to welcome the Year of the Tiger. Festive and cultural focus on Hong Kong will draw the participants in games and lucky draws. It is also a special event to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. HKETO is a special sponsor of the event. For details, please click: <https://toronto.hkcba.com/cpages/home>

### **HKCBA (Calgary) Chinese New Year Gala 2022**

HKCBA (Calgary) will organise the Chinese New Year Gala on February 11 to celebrate the Year of the Tiger. The evening will include a champagne reception, traditional lion dance, silent auction, prize draws, and entertainment on the main stage. HKETO is a sponsor of the event. For details, please click: <https://calgary.hkcba.com/cpages/home>

### **Dragon Ball 2022**

The 33rd Dragon Ball hosted by the Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on February 5 (the 5th day of the Chinese New Year of the Tiger). Dragon Ball 2022 will be a hybrid event with both online and in-person components to share the joy with people in the community and around the world. Participants of the online gala option will still enjoy the traditional Dragon Ball gourmet food experience, with specially curated menus from select restaurants and vendors, as well as a Hong Kong booklet and gift from HKETO.

For more details, please click the link below:

<https://www.yeehongdragonball.org/>

## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

### **HKETO supports Canada and U.S. business associations to join the Hong Kong Forum webinar**

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the “Hong Kong Forum 2021- Americas Regional Caucus” webinar hosted by the HKCBA, National U.S. Hong Kong Business

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Association and Hong Kong Latin America Business Association on December 2. HKETO and Hong Kong Trade Development Council (Canada) (HKTDC) are supporters of this event.

This webinar aims to gather the Hong Kong business associations in Canada, the USA and Latin America and to explore how participants can benefit from the initiatives of the Hong Kong associations' network. The Americas Regional Caucus is one of the highlight programmes of the annual Hong Kong Forum.

Speaking at the webinar, Ms Mo shared with participants some encouraging investment figures. She noted that Canada's foreign direct investment outflow to Hong Kong tripled in 2020, making Hong Kong Canada's second destination in this respect.

Ms Mo also remarked that the HKCBA has been promoting the trade ties between Hong Kong and Canada over the years. For example, the newly established Women's International Network is committed to empowering and encouraging women entrepreneurs in the furtherance of international business and exchanges between Canada and Hong Kong, and via Hong Kong to Asia.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-canada-and-u-s-business-associations-to-join-the-hong-kong-forum-webinar.html>

### **HKETO Director attends ceremony to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong**

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the ceremony to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong organised by the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Ontario Association and Hong Kong Ex-Servicemen's Association (Ontario Branch) at Markham Cenotaph on December 4.

Speaking at the ceremony, Ms Mo first paid tribute to the Canadian battalions deployed to Hong Kong to defend the city during the Second World War. She stressed that people will continue to thank those who volunteered and served. The Canadians who endured the Battle of Hong Kong will always be remembered.

In Vancouver, the St. John Ambulance Burnaby Division held a virtual event on December 6 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong. Ms Mo supported the event with a video greeting message. She noted that both the St John Ambulance Burnaby Division and Hong Kong St John Ambulance are committed to building a

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healthier community and expressed her wish to seeing stronger ties between Hong Kong and Canada.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-attends-ceremony-to-commemorate-the-80th-anniversary-of-the-battle-of-hong-kong.html>

### **HKETO Director promotes finance and fintech opportunities to Canadian business community**

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the “Reimagining the Future of Finance: Opportunities in Hong Kong and Asia for Canadian Companies” webinar on December 8 to update the Canadian business community on Hong Kong’s latest economic development and the city’s competitiveness as an international financial centre, as well as its active role in national development and the abundant opportunities for Canadian businesses.

In her welcome remarks, Ms Mo shared with participants that Hong Kong’s economy is back on track in 2021. She highlighted that Hong Kong’s business advantages have been reaffirmed by the international rankings and indices.

Ms Mo added that the optimistic prospects for Hong Kong’s future are also affirmed by China’s National 14th Five-Year Plan. Besides, the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area supports the expansion of mutual access between the financial markets of Hong Kong and the Mainland.

Ms Mo reiterated the opportunities offered by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, and encouraged Canadian companies to seize the vast opportunities emerging in the markets of mainland China, Asia and beyond.

The webinar was co-organised by the HKETO, Invest Hong Kong, Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA), Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Government of Canada.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-promotes-finance-and-fintech-opportunities-to-canadian-business-community.html>

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## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **Government strengthens inbound control measures in view of Omicron cases**

The HKSAR Government announced over the last two weeks that in view of the latest global developments of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the countries below have been specified as Group A specified places and the boarding and quarantine requirements for relevant inbound travellers will be tightened:

Finland, Ghana, Korea, Norway and Saudi Arabia from December 5

Iceland and Singapore from December 6

Mexico from December 7

Chile and Romania from December 8

Maldives, Senegal and Tunisia from December 9

Argentina, Croatia, Fiji and Latvia from December 10

Estonia and Uganda from December 12

Cuba, Kuwait and Liechtenstein from December 13

Cyprus, Jordan and Lebanon from December 14

Mauritius and Sierra Leone from December 15

Bahrain, Bermuda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gibraltar, Hungary, Oman and the Slovak Republic from December 17

Non-Hong Kong residents who have stayed at the above countries within 21 days are not allowed to enter Hong Kong. Hong Kong residents can only board a flight for Hong Kong if they have been fully vaccinated and hold a recognised vaccination record. They have to undergo compulsory quarantine in a designated quarantine hotel for 21 days upon return to Hong Kong, with six tests to be conducted during quarantine, followed by compulsory testing in a community testing centre on the 26th day of arrival at Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, the Government is ascertaining the details of the imported Omicron cases detected in Taiwan, and will continue to closely monitor the epidemic situation there to consider whether relevant boarding, quarantine and testing requirements should be further tightened.

Additionally, a traveller arriving in Hong Kong from the USA, a Group A specified place, was confirmed to be an Omicron case. The Government has implemented the most stringent quarantine and testing requirements for the relevant inbound travellers who arrive at Hong Kong on or after December 13 in view of the importation of an Omicron case from the USA into Hong Kong. Hong Kong residents who have stayed in the USA within 21 days are required to undergo compulsory quarantine at the Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre for the first seven days upon their arrival at Hong Kong, during which

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they have to undergo daily tests and their health conditions will be monitored by healthcare professionals. They would then be transferred by designated transport to finish the remaining 14 days of compulsory quarantine at the designated quarantine hotels which they have reserved before coming to Hong Kong. They are still required to undergo frequent testing during quarantine there, followed by another compulsory testing in a community testing centre on the 26th day of arrival at Hong Kong. This quarantine and testing arrangement is currently applicable to inbound travellers from Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Details on the relevant boarding and compulsory quarantine requirements for respective 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 links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/02/P2021120200765.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/03/P2021120300680.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/04/P2021120400685.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/05/P2021120500525.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/06/P2021120600607.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/07/P2021120700680.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/09/P2021120900553.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/10/P2021121000796.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/11/P2021121100752.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/12/P2021121200510.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/14/P2021121400590.htm>

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

The HKSAR Government announced on December 7 the gazettal of extension of existing social distancing measures to take effect from December 9 till December 22. The Government is also considering extending the scope of "vaccine bubble" at suitable juncture in order to encourage more citizens to get vaccinated so as to strengthen Hong Kong's immune barrier against COVID-19.

In addition, the Government announced the relevant arrangement for extending the requirement of using LeaveHomeSafe mobile application to all premises regulated under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). The modes of operation of catering business are adjusted accordingly while other existing social distancing measures remain unchanged.

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You can click the following link for details of the latest requirements and restrictions:  
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/07/P2021120700740.htm>

## **HKSARG strongly opposes the UK Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong**

In response to the unfounded remarks on Hong Kong in the United Kingdom Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong (the Report) released on December 14, a HKSAR Government spokesman said on December 14:

"We strongly oppose the various unfounded allegations against the HKSAR Government in the Report. The HKSAR is an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China (PRC), is a local administrative region that enjoys a high degree of autonomy under 'one country, two systems' and comes directly under the Central People's Government (CPG). The HKSAR Government urges again the United Kingdom to respect the international law and basic norms governing international relations, and to stop interfering into the internal affairs of China through Hong Kong affairs."

On improving the electoral system, the spokesman stressed that "the electoral system fully implements the principle of 'patriots administering Hong Kong', ensuring that members of the Legislative Council (LegCo) are patriotic, love Hong Kong and act in the interests of the country's development and the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. On this basis, candidates of the seventh-term LegCo come from different backgrounds and across the political spectrum. Such diversity showcases the broad representation and political inclusiveness of the improved electoral system."

On the Hong Kong National Security Law, the spokesman reiterated that the law clearly stipulates that human rights shall be respected and protected in safeguarding national security in the HKSAR, and the rights and freedoms, including the freedoms of speech, of the press, of publication, of association, of assembly, of procession and of demonstration, enjoyed by residents under the Basic Law and the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as applicable to Hong Kong shall be protected in accordance with the law.

In addition, the Report expressed concerns over the prosecutorial decisions and judicial independence of the HKSAR. Article 63 of the Basic Law stipulates that prosecutions in the HKSAR are made by the Department of Justice, free from any interference. Prosecutorial decisions are based on an objective assessment of all admissible evidence, applicable laws and the Prosecution Code, without political considerations. Prosecutions would only be commenced if there is sufficient admissible evidence to support a reasonable prospect of conviction.

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Please click the following link to read the full press release:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/14/P2021121400718.htm>

### **Legislative Council General Election poll cards sent to 4.47 million electors**

The 2021 Legislative Council General Election will be held on December 19 (Sunday). The Registration and Electoral Office has mailed poll cards to about 4.47 million registered electors to inform them of where they should cast their votes on the polling day.

Electors can log in to the Online Voter Information Enquiry System ([www.voterinfo.gov.hk](http://www.voterinfo.gov.hk)) if they have not yet received their poll card to check whether they are registered electors and their designated polling station.

Information about the election is available on the election website ([www.elections.gov.hk](http://www.elections.gov.hk)).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/09/P2021120900610.htm>

### **Article of “Made in Hong Kong - Digital Solutions for the New Decade”**

CNBC, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, created a piece of branded content entitled “Made in Hong Kong - Digital Solutions for the New Decade” on how Hong Kong is transforming into Asia’s leading innovation and entrepreneurship hub. From fintech to healthcare and reindustrialisation, Hong Kong is striding ahead with a number of forward-looking initiatives and determined to shine on the global stage.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.cnbc.com/advertorial/made-in-hong-kong-digital-solutions-for-the-new-decade/>

### **ICAC updates international communities on anti-corruption efforts**

The latest issue of the ICAC’s electronic newsletter, ICAC Post #44, has been uploaded on the ICAC corporate website.

Highlights of this issue are:

- Upholding integrity of construction industry
- Insurance scam alert
- Strengthening worldwide network in graft-fighting
- Integrity management - the key to success for public bodies



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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.icac.org.hk/icac/post/issue44/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](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 \(without full registration\)](#)

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