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All travelers who are fully vaccinated can board a flight for Hong Kong. They must hold a negative result of a polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based nucleic acid test taken within 48 hours before boarding as well as a confirmation of a room reservation at a designated quarantine hotel for at least seven nights.

For details of the above policy and measures, please read the following press release: <u>https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202204/22/P2022042200621.htm</u>

Please check the latest entry restrictions and quarantine requirements before travelling to Hong Kong:

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 <u>HKETO website</u> or the link: <u>https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk</u>

HKETO JOB VACANCY

Assistant Manager, Investment Promotion

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Manager, Investment Promotion at the HKETO. The suitable applicant should be a bachelor's degree holder or equivalent, preferably in Business Administration, Finance, Economics, or International Marketing with at least 2 years' full-time work experience in (a) corporate account relationship management; (b) marketing and event management; or (c) investment or trade promotion.



The holder of the post will be required to provide assistance in investment promotion activities and logistical and executive support in daily office administration. He/she has to be energetic and an excellent team player, ready to contribute to Invest Hong Kong's goals.

Applicants are invited to send a covering letter with full curriculum vitae in English, and copies of academic qualification certificates/transcripts and available references from previous employment to 174 St. George Street, Toronto, ON, Canada M5R 2M7 (by post), or hketo@hketotoronto.gov.hk (by email) on or before May 27, 2022 (Toronto time).

UPCOMING EVENTS

HKSAR 25th Anniversary Celebration Activities

2022 marks an important milestone for Hong Kong as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). The celebration theme "A New Era – Stability · Prosperity · Opportunity" represents Hong Kong's great strides over the past quarter century, and our confidence in a bright future.

HKETO is hosting a series of celebration events across Canada including the flagship galas, business and academic seminars, arts and photo exhibitions as well as cultural performances starting from May. HKETO invite the partnership from all sectors in the communities in building a more resilient and thriving Hong Kong.

For details of the events, please visit: https://25a.hketo.ca/

1) Hong Kong Arts Exhibitions in Toronto and Vancouver

The Hong Kong Arts Exhibitions aim to showcase how Hong Kong artists adopt traditional craft to create culturally-rich contemporary artworks including bamboo steamer tower, mini cheongsam dummies, lion head crafts, galvanized iron coffee sets and letter boxes for home deco or use in daily life, as well as cheongsams and flower buttons. The making of these artworks are considered an intangible part of Hong Kong's cultural heritage and craftsmanship.

The exhibitions are jointly organised by HKETO and the Hong Kong Arts Centre, supported by the Hong Kong Tourism Board in Canada, and presented by CanAsia Creative Exchange in Toronto and DramaOne in Vancouver respectively.

a) "Beyond Borders: Reshape the Hong Kong Ordinary" (超越界限:重塑香港 日常) Exhibition in Toronto

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Date: June 1 to 28 Venue: The Oval & Upper Oval, Yorkville Village (55 Avenue Road, Suite 2250, Toronto)

b) "Beyond Borders: Traces of Hong Kong Stories" (超越界限:尋找香港故事) Exhibition in Vancouver

Date: June 13 to July 3 Venue: CF Richmond Centre (6551 No. 3 Rd, Richmond, BC)

c) Beyond Borders Online Talk 1: "How can we apply the Intangible Cultural Heritage into our society's sustainable life?"

Date: June 16 (Thursday) Time: 19:00 - 20:00 (PDT) / 22:00 - 23:00 (EDT) Platform: Zoom Speakers: Ms. Connie LAM Executive Director, Hong Kong Arts Centre Ms. Jaffa LAM Academic Head, Hong Kong Art School

For registration: https://forms.gle/2bSP7M4g3fUEzexZ8

d) Beyond Borders Online Talk 2: "How can we bring a new creation into the traditional artisanship alongside its preservation?"

Date: June 21 (Tuesday) Time: 19:00 - 20:00 (PDT) / 22:00 - 23:00 (EDT) Platform: Zoom Speakers: Ms. Lam Ka-yu, Inkgo Bamboo Steamer Contemporary Artist Mr. Luk Tsing-yuen Galvanised Iron Contemporary Artist Facilitator: Ms. Jaffa LAM Academic Head, Hong Kong Art School

For registration: https://forms.gle/SunQv6TVZaLcdQDd9

e) Beyond Borders Online Workshop: "Demonstration of bamboo steamer making"

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Date: 29 June, 2022 (Wednesday) Time: 19:00 - 20:00 (PDT) / 22:00 - 23:00 (EDT) Platform: Zoom Instructor: Ms. Lam Ka-yu, Inkgo Bamboo Steamer Contemporary Artist

For registration: https://forms.gle/Zo5ADgRBrV6nraVq8

2) Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Costume Exhibition cum Performance Programme (香港粵劇服飾藏品展演計劃)

Cantonese opera is one of the intangible heritage cultures of Hong Kong. Starting from the Asia Heritage Month in May, there will be programmes showcasing the beauty of this art:

- a) A seminar on Cantonese Opera's costume design in Hong Kong at the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library on May 19 with virtual participation of Hong Kong Stage Costume Designer Mandy Tam & a live QA session; <u>https://hongkong.library.utoronto.ca/event/cantonese-operas-costume-design-hong-kong-xianggangyuejuxifushejiqiantan</u>
- b) Cantonese Opera's Costume Exhibition at the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library from May 19 to 31; and
- c) Canada-Hong Kong Young Cantonese Opera Cultural Exchange performance in July (details to be announced)

The Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Costume Exhibition cum Performance Programme is organized by Starlight Chinese Opera Performing Arts Centre and supported by HKETO.

3) A "Landscape Journey" Photography Exhibition across Canada

Stunning landscape photographs by Hong Kong young photographer Kelvin Yuen will be featured at a touring photo exhibition across Canada from September to October. Kelvin's award-winning photos, together with selective landscape photos around the world from the Chinese Canadian Photographic Society of Toronto (CCPST) will be displayed. This photo exhibition is jointly presented by HKETO and CCPST.

Dates and venues in the West Coast are listed below:

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September 1 to 9: cSPACE King Edward, Calgary September 5 to 11: CF Pacific Centre, Vancouver September 5 to 18: UBC Robson Square, Vancouver

Other venues for the exhibition will be announced. Please stay tuned!

4) HKCBA Annual National Conference & Keynote Luncheon

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) and HKETO will co-host a halfday business conference with a keynote luncheon on September 23. The event will present the latest business opportunities in Asia, share the latest insights from senior business leaders and officials, and suggest strategic and effective ways for Canadian companies to leverage and ultimately to succeed in diversifying their business footprints to Asia via Hong Kong, while celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

For details of the event, please visit: <u>https://www.hkcba.com/events/hkcba-annual-national-conference-keynote-luncheon</u>

Hong Kong: the IP Commericalization Platform webinar

The HKCBA (Toronto Section), Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Invest Hong Kong and HKETO will join hands to organise a webinar on "Hong Kong: the IP and Commercialization Platform in Asia for Canadian Companies and Start-Ups" on May 18. The webinar will provide updates to Canadian companies and start-ups on Hong Kong as the ideal IP hub in Asia and the IP commercialization opportunities available in the city. Registration is free.

Free registration at: <u>https://bit.ly/May18IPwebinar</u>

CGTCBA 24th Annual Gala

The Confederation of Greater Toronto Chinese Business Association ("CGTCBA") is hosting its Annual Gala with the theme "Together" on May 28. The gala is brought together by its four-member Associations, namely Mississauga Chinese Business Association, Markham, Richmond Hill & Vaughan Chinese Business Association, Scarborough-York Region Chinese Business Association, and Toronto Chinese Business Association. The CGTCBA plays a key role in promoting business and trade among the Chinese and mainstream communities. HKETO is a supporter of the event.

For details, please visit

https://www.mrvcba.ca/index.php?route=common/event&event_id=539

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RECENT ACTIVITY

HKETO Director visits Calgary for business promotion

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, visited Calgary from May 5 to 6 to promote Hong Kong as the ideal platform for Canada companies to tap on the markets in Mainland China and the rest of Asia.

Speaking before the screening of the Hong Kong film Anita at the "Hong Kong Movie Night" organised by the HKCBA (Calgary Section) on May 5, Ms Mo first introduced the legendary Anita Mui, the main character of the film. She said that the film is also about the "Can-do Spirit" displayed by the Hong Kong people.

Ms Mo also updated the audience that this year Hong Kong is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. The HKETO is hosting a wide range of events in different cities across Canada.

On May 6, Ms Mo attended the HKCBA Calgary Section's Spring Festival Gala 2022 and delivered a speech. She updated the attendees on Hong Kong's latest developments and achievements. Ms Mo welcomed Canadian companies looking to expand to consider Hong Kong as their platform to access the fastest growing markets on the East.

During the visit, Ms Mo paid courtesy calls on Alberta's Minister of Seniors and Housing, the Honourable Josephine Pon and Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek. She briefed them on the latest developments in Hong Kong and exchanged views with them on issues with mutual interests. She also met with the President and Chief Executive Officer of Calgary Economic Development, Mr Brad Parry, and Director of Strategic Engagement at Jobs, Economy and Innovation, Mr Shane Jaffer, to exchange views on how to foster collaboration to strengthen the trade relations between Hong Kong and Calgary.

Click the following link for details. <u>https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-visits-calgary-for-business-promotion-2.html</u>

HONG KONG NEWS

Government further relaxes social distancing measures



As the epidemic trend continued to be stabilised, the HKSAR Government announced on May 3 the further relaxation of social distancing measures with a view to relaunching social and economic activities in an orderly manner.

Starting from May 5, early relaxation in measures allows catering premises to accommodate eight persons at most per table, re-opening of swimming pools, gazetted beaches, as well as water sports centres and public swimming pools, and not wearing masks when present in country parks or when conducting strenuous physical activity in outdoor places.

Starting from May 19, the relaxation in social distancing measures includes extension of the dinnertime dine-in service hours in catering premises, allowing bars/pubs as well as other scheduled premises regulated under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) which are currently closed, and allowing eating and drinking in cinemas etc.

You can click the following link for details of the latest requirements and social distancing measures:

https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/04/P2022050300895.htm

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced that with effect from May 9, an additional rapid antigen test would be conducted during the "test-and-hold" at the airport to strengthen the testing arrangements for inbound persons for earlier detection and isolation of infected persons, and to enhance the process of closed-loop management from the airport to designated quarantine hotels so as to shorten the waiting time for inbound persons at the airport.

Click the following link for details. https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/06/P2022050600679.htm

CE's statement on sixth-term CE Election result

Following is a statement by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, on May 8 on the result of the sixth-term Chief Executive Election:

The sixth-term Chief Executive Election has just been concluded smoothly. I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr John Lee on his successful election and later today, I will submit a report of the election result to the Central People's Government.

The present-term government and I will ensure a seamless transition with the Chief



Executive-elect. We will render all the support needed for the assumption of office by the new term of government.

Click the following link for details. https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/08/P2022050800211.htm

The Returning Officer for the election, Mr Justice Keith Yeung Kar-hung, declared on May 8 under Section 28 of the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap 569) that John Lee Ka-chiu was elected as he obtained more than 750 valid "support" votes cast.

Click the following link for details. https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/08/P2022050800325.htm

HKSAR Government strongly refutes statements by G7 foreign ministers and European Union

The HKSAR Government on May 10 strongly refuted the two statements on the sixthterm Chief Executive Election held on May 8 in Hong Kong made respectively by the European Union (EU) as well as G7 foreign ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America, and the High Representative of the EU.

A HKSAR Government spokesman said that the government strongly opposed the unfounded criticisms and misleading comments on the Chief Executive Election contained in the two statements. Moreover, they reflect a blatant interference into the internal affairs of the HKSAR of the People's Republic of China, and are clearly out of line with international norms.

The spokesman stressed that any allegation that the improved electoral system has weakened democracy in the governance of Hong Kong is misguided. On the contrary, the electoral system has broadened representation in the electorate for the Chief Executive Election. Likewise, under the improved electoral system, the Legislative Council's representativeness has been boosted.

Click the following link for details. https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/10/P2022051000514.htm

Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Canada and US suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on May 10 that in view of notifications from the



World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Huron County of Ontario Province, Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 and Lethbridge County of Alberta Province, and Rural Municipality of Carmichael No. 109 and Rural Municipality of Montrose No. 315 of Saskatchewan Province in Canada, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the above-mentioned areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 4 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Canada in the first three months of this year.

Click the following link for details. https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/10/P2022051000485.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 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)).

<u>Click here to read the details of Contract Doctor (without full registration)</u> <u>Click here to read the details of Contract Doctor (without full registration (Child Assessment))</u>

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