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SPECIAL NOTICE

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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 [HKETO website](#) or the link:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

HKSAR 25th Anniversary Celebration Activities in Canada

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

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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 dripper set and letter boxes for home deco or use in daily life, as well as contemporary 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 presented by HKETO and the Hong Kong Arts Centre, supported by the Hong Kong Tourism Board in Canada, and organised by CanAsia Creative Exchange in Toronto and DramaOne in Vancouver respectively.

a) “Beyond Borders: Reshaping the Ordinaries of Hong Kong” (超越界限：重塑香港日常) Exhibition in Toronto

Date: May 30 to June 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)

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>

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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)

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”

Date: 29 June, 2022 (Wednesday)

Time: 19:00 - 20:00 (PDT) / 22:00 - 23:00 (EDT)

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. Starlight Chinese Opera Performing Arts Centre will organise a Cantonese Opera performance as part of the Canada-Hong Kong Young Cantonese Opera Cultural Exchange Program in July to showcase the beauty of this art. The performance and the programme are supported by HKETO. Details of the performance will be announced later.

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.

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Dates and venues in the West Coast are listed below:

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 half-day 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:

<https://www.hkcba.com/events/hkcba-annual-national-conference-keynote-luncheon>

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1) Healthcare life science seminar

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) (Ottawa Section), Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Invest Hong Kong and HKETO will join hands to organise a seminar on "Turning Challenges into Opportunities in Healthcare and Life Science" in Ottawa on June 15. The seminar will provide updates to Canadian companies on healthcare trends and life science development in Hong Kong and opportunities offered by the city in these sectors. In addition, information on 2022 Asia Summit on Global Health to be held in Hong Kong later this year will also be available for participants.

Learn more:

<https://ottawa.hkcba.com/events/members-turning-challenges-into-opportunities-in-healthcare-and-life-sciences>

2) Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival

The 34th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival organised by the Toronto Chinese Business Association will be held at the Centre Island of Toronto on June 18 and

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19. 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.tbcacanada.com/dragon-boat-festival/>

3) “The New Era of Hong Kong” event

The HKCBA (Vancouver Section), Hong Kong Tourism Board in Canada and HKETO will jointly host the "The New Era of Hong Kong" in-person event in Vancouver on June 22. The event will provide updates on Hong Kong's current COVID situation, business environment, and upcoming events for participants. To learn more, please visit HKCBA Vancouver's official website: <https://vancouver.hkcba.com/events/the-new-era-of-hong-kong>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO Director joins virtual workshop to promote career opportunities in Hong Kong

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the virtual Asian Studies workshop series entitled “Careers and Engagement in Asia” organised by the Department of Asian Studies of the University of British Columbia on May 17 to promote the career opportunities in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the workshop, Ms Mo updated participating students on the latest development and business advantages of Hong Kong. For instance, over 9 000 companies in Hong Kong have their parent companies outside Hong Kong. Talents can always get the chances to work with international companies or organisations, and deal with people from diversified cultures and origins.

The Head of Invest Hong Kong in Canada, Mr Christopher Chen, also elaborated on the job opportunities for overseas students in Hong Kong and highlighted the various admission and scholarship schemes.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-joins-virtual-workshop-to-promote-career-opportunities-in-hong-kong.html>

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HKETO Director promotes Hong Kong as the ideal IP Commercialization platform in Asia

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the “Hong Kong: the IP and Commercialization Platform in Asia for Canadian Companies and Start-Ups” webinar hosted by the HKCBA (Toronto Section) on May 18. This webinar aimed to promote Hong Kong as the ideal Intellectual Property (IP) hub in Asia and the IP commercialization opportunities available in the city.

In delivering a speech at the webinar, Ms Mo noted Hong Kong is fully committed to upholding a robust and effective system of IP protection. According to the World Intellectual Property Organization, Hong Kong ranked among the world’s top 20 IP application centers for patents. Ms Mo highlighted that Hong Kong is well placed to be a premier IP trading hub in the region.

The Head of Invest Hong Kong in Canada, Mr Christopher Chen, presented the IP commercialization landscape and opportunities for Canadian companies and start-ups.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-promotes-hong-kong-as-the-ideal-ip-commercialization-platform-in-asia.html>

HKSAR 25th anniversary seminar and exhibition on Cantonese opera costumes

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, on May 19 attended the seminar and exhibition on Cantonese opera costumes at Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto (Canada-Hong Kong Library) to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. The seminar and exhibition are part of the Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Costume Exhibition cum Performance Programme organised by Starlight Chinese Opera Performing Arts Centre.

In delivering the opening remarks, Ms Mo highlighted that Cantonese opera was included in Hong Kong’s first intangible cultural heritage list and the HKSAR government continues to invest in the city’s hardware and software to promote this cultural heritage.

Ms Mo also remarked that the cultural industries in Hong Kong was given a boost of confidence by the National 14th Five-Year Plan for its clear support towards Hong Kong developing into an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange.

At the seminar, Cantonese opera costume designer Ms Mandy Ka-yee Tam from Hong Kong participated virtually and shared her experience in costume design encompassing

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Chinese and Western elements. Colourful Cantonese opera costumes were also exhibited at the Canada-Hong Kong Library till May 31.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hksar-25th-anniversary-seminar-and-exhibition-on-cantonese-opera-costumes.html>

HKETO Director attends CGTCBA's 24th Annual Gala

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the 24th Annual Gala hosted by the Confederation of Greater Toronto Chinese Business Association on May 28.

Speaking at the gala dinner, Ms Mo shared with participants the latest achievements of Hong Kong. Noting Hong Kong continues to be a top international financial market, and continues to have a distinct relationship with Canada, the city remains one of Canada's top ten trading markets in the past decade.

Ms Mo pointed out that Hong Kong is playing an increasingly significant role as a platform for doing business in Asia and Indo-Pacific, including the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. She encouraged Canada companies to consider using Hong Kong as a platform to expand in the fastest growing market on the East.

Ms Mo also noted that year 2022 marks an important milestone for Hong Kong as the city is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. With the staunch support from the Central Government, Hong Kong has successfully implemented "one country, two systems" while sustaining its role as an international metropolis. Ms Mo invited participants to join the celebration events.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-attends-cgtcbas-24th-annual-gala.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Government fine-tunes testing arrangements for persons entering Hong Kong

The HKSAR Government announced on May 29 that starting from June 1 (Hong Kong time), on the premise of maintaining the overall framework of stringent inbound prevention and control measures to guard against the importation of cases, the pre-departure and post-arrival nucleic acid testing arrangements applicable to persons boarding for Hong Kong from overseas places and Taiwan would be fine-tuned.

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Starting from June 1 (Hong Kong Time), inbound persons boarding flights from overseas places or Taiwan are only required to present when boarding the negative result proof of a PCR-based nucleic acid test conducted within 48 hours prior to scheduled time of departure and with samples collected by a laboratory or healthcare institution (proof of the 48-hour pre-departure nucleic acid test). They will no longer need to present the documentary proof of the ISO 15189 accreditation or recognition by the relevant authority of the government of the place of the laboratory or the healthcare institution.

Besides, starting from June 1 (Hong Kong Time), for persons travelling to Hong Kong from overseas places or Taiwan that are recovered persons previously infected with COVID-19, they can be exceptionally allowed to board a flight for Hong Kong if they hold the required documentary proof to show that they were infected with the virus 14 to 90 days prior to boarding for Hong Kong and have recovered, and the result of the rapid antigen test (RAT) conducted within 24 hours prior to boarding was negative.

For details of the updated measures, please visit

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/29/P2022052900331.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on May 31 the gazettal of the extension of the existing social distancing measures in accordance with the public health emergency regulations under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance, which are to be effective from June 2 to June 15.

The Government announced earlier the adjustments of social distancing measures in three stages. Following the first and second stages of relaxation in social distancing measures since April 21 and May 19, all catering and scheduled premises have been allowed to re-open. Social and economic activities have resumed in an orderly manner, and the daily lives of citizens have largely returned to normalcy. However, with more frequent traffic and social interactions, the emergence of individual infection clusters is expected. In this connection, the Government decided to extend the existing social distancing measures and will continue to closely monitor the epidemic development.

You can click the following link for details of the measures in three phases:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/31/P2022053100802.htm>

InnoHK Launch Ceremony concludes with great success

The InnoHK Launch Ceremony was successfully held on May 25, marking a new milestone in the HKSAR Government's commitment to promoting Hong Kong's innovation and technology (I&T). As the flagship I&T initiative of the HKSAR Government, InnoHK

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aims to promote global research collaboration with a view to putting Hong Kong on the global advanced technology map.

Addressing the Launch Ceremony, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, showed her strong faith in the long-term development of Hong Kong's I&T industry, given that Hong Kong is endowed with a series of unparalleled advantages. Coupled with the unequivocal support for Hong Kong to develop into an international I&T hub as highlighted in the National 14th Five-Year Plan last year as well as the immense opportunities brought about by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, there will be a promising path for the development of I&T in Hong Kong.

CE said that these 28 research laboratories will not only translate their impactful research into applications that bring good for humankind but also attract and nurture more research talents, thereby developing Hong Kong into the hub for global research collaboration.

The InnoHK Launch Ceremony was attended physically by more than 300 top-notch researchers of the 28 research laboratories and I&T industry leaders, as well as virtually by hundreds of researchers from the research clusters.

For further details about the 28 research laboratories admitted to InnoHK, please visit the newly launched official website (www.innohk.gov.hk).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/25/P2022052500234.htm>

SCED urges APEC members to fully support multilateral trading system

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR, Mr Edward Yau, spoke at two discussion sessions entitled “Supporting the Multilateral Trading System” and “Living in the COVID-19 and beyond” at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand on May 21 and 22 respectively.

At both discussion sessions, Mr Yau remarked that Hong Kong has all along been a staunch supporter of free and open trade and investment, adding that only with a stable and predictable rules-based multilateral trading system, international trade could be effectively conducted, global resources could be put to gainful use, and the livelihood of our people could be collectively improved.

Mr Yau also stressed the importance of international cooperation and regional integration for economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Hong Kong strongly believes that

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free and open trade and investment play a significant role in reconnecting the region, and is keen and ready to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership to contribute a part to the building of the wider Free Trade Area of Asia-Pacific (FTAAP).

Mr Yau also participated in a public-private dialogue between MRT and the APEC Business Advisory Council during which he reaffirmed Hong Kong's support for APEC's long-term efforts in advancing towards the realisation of the FTAAP.

This year, APEC has adopted the theme "Open • Connect • Balance", with discussions on topics under three priorities, namely open trade and investment to all opportunities; restoring connectivity in all dimensions; and promoting balance, sustainability and inclusivity in all aspects.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/21/P2022052100720.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/22/P2022052200323.htm>

HKSAR Government welcomes implementation of ETF Connect

The China Securities Regulatory Commission and the Securities and Futures Commission issued a joint announcement on May 27 on the in-principle agreement to include eligible exchange-traded funds (ETFs) in Stock Connect. The HKSAR Government warmly welcomes the decision.

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, said that the National 14th Five-Year Plan expresses staunch support for enhancing Hong Kong's function as a global offshore Renminbi (RMB) business hub, as well as deepening and widening the mutual access between financial markets of the Mainland and Hong Kong. Various mutual access programmes including the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Bond Connect have thrived over the past few years.

The implementation of mutual access of ETFs marks another milestone in the continual integration of the two capital markets. It will further strengthen Hong Kong's role in connecting financial markets in the Mainland and the rest of the world.

The stock exchanges in Shanghai, Shenzhen and Hong Kong and the China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited reached an agreement on the overall Stock Connect inclusion arrangements for ETFs at the end of last year.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/27/P2022052700547.htm>

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Joint guidebook by InvestHK and PwC highlights business opportunities for foreign companies in GBA and winning strategies via Hong Kong

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) on May 26 launched a comprehensive investment guidebook in collaboration with PwC aimed at foreign companies setting up or planning to set up in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) via Hong Kong, as part of the department's continuous GBA promotion drive.

The guidebook, "A practical guide for setting up in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area via Hong Kong", offers practical advice to foreign companies amid the fast-developing landscape of the GBA. The guide presents the latest developments in the GBA - particularly in the areas of innovation and technology, financial services, business and professional services, lifestyle and creative industries, and aviation. It outlines the dynamic landscape of the GBA and the winning strategies to succeed in the region via setting up in Hong Kong.

The full report can be downloaded from the InvestHK website via the following link: gba.investhk.gov.hk/en/resource-centre/booklet-practical-guide-setting-gba-hong-kong.html

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/26/P2022052400183.htm>

AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre officially opens

The AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre, under the auspices of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) and with major support from the Central People's Government, was officially opened on May 25 at the Shanghai Commercial Bank Tower in Central. The Centre forms part of the Hong Kong Legal Hub.

At the opening ceremony, the Secretary for Justice of the HKSAR, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, said she hoped that the Centre will, together with the existing AALCO arbitration centres in Malaysia, Egypt, Nigeria, Iran and Kenya, stand united by the ideals of friendship and collaboration by promoting trade and investment in the Asian-African region.

The AALCO is the only inter-governmental legal consultative organisation in the Asian and African region comprising almost all the major states from Asia and Africa. Regional arbitration centres under its auspices function as international institutions with the objective of promoting international commercial arbitration in the Asian-African region and providing for the conduction of international arbitrations.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/25/P2022052500551.htm>

HKSAR Government strongly opposes European Commission Report

The HKSAR Government on May 20 expressed strong opposition to the remarks in the report on Hong Kong issued by the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the Report).

The HKSAR Government strongly opposed the various unfounded criticisms and misleading comments against the HKSAR Government in the Report. The HKSAR is an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China, 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. The HKSAR Government urges again the EU 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.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/20/P2022052000686.htm>

Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Canada suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on May 23 and 30 that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in areas in Canada, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the relevant areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

The relevant areas in Canada are as follows:

- County of Two Hills No. 21 of Alberta Province
- Rural Municipality of Baildon No. 131 of Saskatchewan Province
- City of Abbotsford in the Province of British Columbia

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 links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/23/P2022052300460.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202205/30/P2022053000457.htm>

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“Hong Kong Airport City: Supercharging Growth”

CNBC, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, has created a paid post on how Hong Kong is transforming its airport to become the world's most integrated transport and multi-function hub.

Title: Hong Kong Airport City: Supercharging Growth

Link: <https://www.cNBC.com/advertorial/hong-kong-airport-city-supercharging-growth/>

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