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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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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. Pre-departure PCR-based nucleic acid tests are not required for travellers transferring or transiting in Hong Kong or inbound children aged below three.

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 Canada 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)

Details of the two online talks and workshop arranged as sideline activities of the exhibitions are listed below. Participants of the each online talk will be entitled to join a lucky draw to win one of the five Brand Hong Kong coffee cup plus tote bag sets. While participants of the online workshop will have a chance to get a mini bamboo steamer souvenir. Please register for these free activities.

### 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

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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)

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: June 29 (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) Collision 2022**

HKETO will take part in the Collision 2022 in hosting a Masterclass entitled “Startup Opportunities in Hong Kong” at the event. Details as follows:

Date: June 21 (Tuesday)

Time: 11:00 - 11:45

Location: Masterclass 4, Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place  
100 Princes’ Blvd Unit 1, Toronto

The Masterclass aims to introduce the startup environment and opportunities in Hong Kong, covering funding, growth sectors, the Asia region, and the future.

Three esteemed panelists are taking part:

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- Mr. Hugh Chow, Partner, Radiant Ventures
- Ms. Catherine Shiang, Managing Director, Asia Capital Advisors
- Mr. Ozan Isiniak, President, Keiretsu Forum Canada

Head, Investment Promotion of Invest Hong Kong in Canada, Mr. Christopher Chen will be the moderator of the Masterclass, and Director of HKETO, Ms. Emily Mo, will attend as a special guest.

To register for this Masterclass, please visit <https://collisionconf.com/masterclasses>

- Click the “InvestHK” panel
- Click “add to your schedule”
- Complete and submit the simple registration form (you will need to provide your Collision’s ticket booking reference number)

### **3) 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.

### **4) 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:

September 1 to 9: cSPACE King Edward, Calgary  
September 5 to 11: CF Pacific Centre, Vancouver  
September 5 to 18: UBC Robson Square, Vancouver  
October 2 to 16: Complexe Desjardins, Montreal

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

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## **5) 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 and 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 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.

<https://dragonboats.com/>

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### **3) “The New Era of Hong Kong” event**

The HKCBA (Vancouver Section), Hong Kong Tourism Board in Canada (HKTB) and HKETO will jointly host the "The New Era of Hong Kong" networking session 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**

#### **Beyond Borders art exhibition in Toronto celebrates Hong Kong SAR 25th anniversary**

The “Beyond Borders: Reshaping the Ordinaries of Hong Kong” art exhibition, jointly presented by the HKETO and the Hong Kong Arts Centre (HKAC), opened in Toronto on May 30.

The art exhibition features modern items revitalised from traditional handicrafts, showcasing lion-head crafting, mini cheongsams and galvanised coffee sets by three young Hong Kong artists, namely Jessica Chan, Frankie Si and Yu Siu-naam.

Delivering a welcome speech at the opening ceremony of the art exhibition on June 1, the Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, said that the HKETO was delighted to bring the art pieces from Hong Kong to Canada to showcase the ever-changing spirit and dynamic East-meets-West character of Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/beyond-borders-art-exhibition-in-toronto-celebrates-hong-kong-sar-25th-anniversary.html>

### **HONG KONG NEWS**

#### **HKSAR Government welcomes Ministry of Finance's issuance of sovereign bonds in Hong Kong**

The Ministry of Finance announced on June 6 its plan to issue Renminbi (RMB) sovereign bonds totalling RMB23 billion in four batches in Hong Kong this year, of which RMB7.5 billion sovereign bonds will be issued in two-year, three-year and five-year tenors on June 15 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

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The HKSAR Government welcomes the Ministry of Finance's issuance of RMB sovereign bonds in Hong Kong for 14 consecutive years, which demonstrates clearly the Central People's Government's staunch support of Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre and the global offshore RMB business hub, and is conducive to promoting the sustainable development of the bond market in Hong Kong and attracting more international capital to the Hong Kong market.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/06/P2022060600598.htm>

### **InvestHK introduces expanded programme for Global Fast Track 2022**

InvestHK announced on June 7 the launch of Global Fast Track 2022, a programme that helps fintech companies leverage the unique advantages of Hong Kong to scale in Asia while building a solid foundation for long-term growth.

Returning for its third year, Global Fast Track is now open for applications from global and local fintech companies looking to connect with corporate clients and investors and capture fast-growing opportunities in Asia and beyond.

Global Fast Track's business matching portal, pitching competition, and mentoring sessions will connect qualified applicants with a diverse range of Asian Corporate and Investor Champions to explore potential business deals and investments. In addition, it will feature for the first time Service Champions selected from a broad spectrum of professional service providers, including but not limited to law firms, marketing agencies, information service providers and talent development companies.

Global Fast Track 2021 achieved significant success with over 300 fintech firms receiving support from more than 90 local and regional Corporate and Investor Champions last year. Application is open from now until September. Outstanding fintech firms from eight key fintech verticals (Commercial Banking; Digital Assets; InsurTech; InvestTech and WealthTech; Payments; RegTech; Retail Banking; and Environmental, Social, and Governance) will be invited to enter an online pitching competition. The competition final will be held during Hong Kong Fintech Week in November.

Partnering regulators are the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Insurance Authority, the Securities and Futures Commission and the Customs and Excise Department. For details, please visit [www.globalfasttrack.hk](http://www.globalfasttrack.hk).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/07/P2022060700306.htm>



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## **HKSAR Government strongly opposes criticism on Hong Kong's situation by US' 2021 Report on International Religious Freedom**

The HKSAR Government on June 3 strongly opposed the unfounded remarks on Hong Kong in the United States' 2021 Report on International Religious Freedom.

The HKSAR Government spokesperson remarked that following the implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law, chaos has stopped and order has been restored in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong National Security Law ensures the resolute, full and faithful implementation of the “one country, two systems” principle under which the people of Hong Kong administer Hong Kong with a high degree of autonomy, and also clearly stipulates that human rights shall be respected and protected in safeguarding national security in the HKSAR.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/03/P2022060300837.htm>

## **Media partnership to showcase Hong Kong's advantages**

The Economist, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government (ISD), has created a paid post “Hong Kong gears up for the innovation and technology race” to show how Hong Kong is gearing up for the global innovation and technology race. Strategic investments, in conjunction with the city's strengths, invigorate the I&T ecosystem, which comprises a blossoming start-up scene, robust public-private partnerships, prudent investment strategies, as well as vast opportunities presented by the GBA development.

Click the following link for details.

<https://impact.economist.com/projects/hong-kong-looking-ahead/hong-kong-gears-up-in-the-innovation-and-technology-race/>

In addition, CNBC, in partnership with the ISD, has created a video “Hong Kong - Asia's World-Class Art Gallery” about Hong Kong's arts scene and cultural capital, explaining how Hong Kong is making its mark on the world's arts scene through its new global museum of contemporary visual culture – M+.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.facebook.com/cnbccatalyst/videos/3129792040565819/>



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## **Announcement of second batch of recognised medical qualifications including Canadian programmes under Medical Registration Ordinance**

The Registrar of Medical Practitioners of the HKSAR Government announced on June 8 the second batch of 23 medical qualifications recognised by the Special Registration Committee (SRC).

Together with the first batch of 27 medical qualifications recognised by the SRC announced in April, the SRC has recommended a total of 50 medical qualifications, adding two programmes offered by the Canadian universities namely University of Alberta and University of Ottawa, for recognition.

The announcement of the recognised medical qualifications in batches by the SRC enables qualified non-locally trained doctors to serve in the public healthcare institutions in Hong Kong through special registration as soon as possible, with a view to alleviating the current shortage of doctors in the public healthcare system. The list of recognised medical qualifications may also serve as a reference for students who intend to study medicine outside Hong Kong and facilitate their choices for further studies.

After the Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 came into effect upon gazettal on October 29, 2021, non-locally trained doctors who possess recognised medical qualifications, subject to their fulfilment of certain criteria, may apply for special registration to practise in the public healthcare institutions in Hong Kong. After serving for a certain period, obtaining recognised specialist qualifications and passing the assessment, they will be granted full registration to practise in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/08/P2022060800301.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](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)).

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[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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