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

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<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) **“Beyond Borders: Traces of Hong Kong Stories” (超越界限：尋找香港故事) Exhibition in Vancouver**

The Hong Kong Arts Exhibition aims to showcase how Hong Kong artists adopt traditional craft to create culturally-rich contemporary artworks including bamboo steamer tower, lion head crafts, galvanized iron coffee dripper set 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. Details of the exhibition is as below:

Date: June 13 to July 3

Venue: CF Richmond Centre (6551 No. 3 Rd, Richmond, BC)

The exhibition is jointly presented by HKETO and the Hong Kong Arts Centre, supported by the Hong Kong Tourism Board in Canada, and organised by Dramaone Canada in Vancouver.

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 to showcase the beauty of this art. The performance and the programme are supported by HKETO. Details of the performance is as follows:

Date: July 24 (Sunday)

Time: 1:30 PM

Venue: Flato Markham Theatre (171 Town Centre Blvd. Markham)

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 18: UBC Robson Square, Vancouver

October 2 to 16: Complexe Desjardins, Montreal

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>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO hosts official gala dinners in Toronto and Vancouver in celebration of the HKSAR 25th anniversary

The HKETO held official gala dinners in Vancouver and Toronto on June 23 and June 28 respectively in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

In delivering the welcome remarks at both dinners, the Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, said that the HKSAR's 25th anniversary is a special occasion and an important milestone for Hong Kong. In the past 25 years, Hong Kong continued to grow and evolve. It was not always smooth sailing for Hong Kong, but the city continues to have the support of a solid foundation, strong business advantages, and the resilient population and hard-working talents.

The theme of the HKSAR 25th anniversary celebrations is "A New Era - Stability, Prosperity, Opportunity". It not only captures the spirit of Hong Kong's achievements over

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the past quarter century, but more importantly our confidence in a brighter future underpinned by the principle of “one country, two systems”.

Before the gala dinners came to a close, the guests in Vancouver were treated to an exclusive musical drama performance "Button of Love" staged by Dramaone Canada. In addition, young athletes from the Hong Kong Freestyle Kendama Association also sent their best wishes to the Vancouver audience with a kendama performance video. In Toronto, guests were treated to another exclusive music performance, including a piece of new and special theme music called “Dawn”, staged by the Ontario Cross-Cultural Music Society (OCMS).

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-celebrates-25th-anniversary-of-establishment-of-hksar.html>

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-hosts-official-gala-dinner-in-celebration-of-hksar-25th-anniversary-in-toronto.html>

Director of HKETO visits Vancouver and Ottawa for business promotion

Director of the HKETO, Ms Mo, visited Vancouver and Ottawa from June 21 to 25 to promote Hong Kong’s unique role as the gateway to Mainland China and the rest of Asia.

Ms Mo called on President and CEO of Burnaby Board of Trade, Mr Paul Holden, and key members of the board in the morning of June 22 to learn about their efforts in expanding commercial relations between Canada, Hong Kong and the Mainland China as well as throughout Asia using the Hong Kong platform.

Ms Mo also paid a courtesy call to City of Burnaby Mayor Mike Hurley and had a lunch meeting joined by International Relations and Friendship Cities Committee city councillors James Wang, Pietro Calendino and Alison Gu to exchange issues of mutual interest.

In the evening, Ms Mo spoke at a networking event entitled “The New Era of Hong Kong” organised by the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) Vancouver Section. Ms Mo updated participants on the latest developments of Hong Kong and pointed out the competitive advantages of doing business in Hong Kong.

During the stay in Vancouver, Ms Mo officiated at the opening ceremony of the “Beyond Borders: Traces of Hong Kong Stories” at CF Richmond Centre in the afternoon of June 22, and the gala dinner to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR on June 23.

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On June 24, Ms Mo attended the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival at the Mooney's Bay Park. She remarked that the dragon boat racing signified the close relationship between Canada and Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/director-of-hketo-visits-vancouver-and-ottawa-for-business-promotion.html>

Beyond Borders art exhibition in Vancouver celebrates Hong Kong SAR 25th anniversary

The opening ceremony of the “Beyond Borders: Traces of Hong Kong Stories” art exhibition was held at CF Richmond Centre in Vancouver on June 22. This exhibition, together with the “Beyond Borders: Re-shaping the Ordinaries of Hong Kong” in Toronto are jointly presented by the HKETO and the Hong Kong Arts Centre (HKAC) to promote cultural exchanges through exhibiting more contemporary Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) artworks to Canadian community, while sharing how ICH can integrate into people’s daily lives.

The exhibitions are part of the HKETO’s celebratory events for the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. The Vancouver exhibition is supported by the Hong Kong Tourism Board in Canada and Dramaone Canada. It features four Hong Kong ICH items, namely galvanised iron product making technique, bamboo steamer making technique, cheongsam sewing technique and Chinese flower button technique.

Delivering a welcome speech at the opening ceremony of the art exhibition, 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.

Hong Kong has been reinforcing its status as an international hub for arts and culture, and is enhancing its positioning as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchanges as set out in the National 14th Five-Year Plan.

The “Beyond Borders: Traces of Hong Kong Stories” showcases the artworks of six Hong Kong designers and artists, namely Jasmine Cheung, Grace Choi, Polly Ho, Inkgo Lam, Luk Tsing-yuen and Po Ming-wah. Their exhibits include galvanised iron letter boxes and milk cartons, bamboo steamers and clock towers, contemporary cheongsams and flower buttons.

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Click the following link for details.

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

Hong Kong is featured in Collision 2022 held in Toronto

With the support of the HKETO, Invest Hong Kong hosts a Masterclass Panel entitled “Startup Opportunities in Hong Kong” on June 21 at Collision 2022. This Masterclass Panel aims to update participants on the latest startup environment and opportunities in Hong Kong as well as to share insights from leaders in the industry with participants.

Moderated by Head of Invest Hong Kong in Canada, Mr Christopher Chen, the Masterclass Panel featured three distinguished speakers in the tech sector, respectively Partner of Radiant Ventures, Mr Hugh Chow, Managing Director of Asia Capital Advisors, Ms Catherine Shiang and President of Keiretsu Forum Canada, Mr Ozan Isinak, who shared with their insights on how to tap on the startup opportunities in Hong Kong and Hong Kong’s favourable business environment which makes Hong Kong an ideal place for companies to set up or expand their businesses.

Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, is delighted to greet the participants at the panel while sharing the number of start-ups in Hong Kong has increased to over 3 700 in 2021, reaching record highs.

Collision 2022 is hosted by Web Summit in Toronto, and it is one of the world's biggest tech conference attracting more than 33,000 attendees, over 1,250 startups and 850 investors from over 140 countries. In addition to the Masterclass Panel, the Hong Kong Tourism Board in Canada sets up a booth at Collision 2022 for visitors to obtain more information on the major tech events to be held in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-is-featured-in-collision-2022-held-in-toronto.html>

Director of HKETO attends the 34th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival

The 34th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival organised by the Toronto Chinese Business Association in collaboration with GWN Dragon Boat was held at Toronto Centre Island on June 18 and 19. The HKETO is a key sponsor of the event.

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In delivering a speech at the opening ceremony on June 18, Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, remarked that Hong Kong is the birth place of modern dragon boat racing and it has developed its roots in Canada that brings people from different countries together. Dragon boat race also signifies the strong and close ties between Hong Kong and Canada.

HKETO set up a Hong Kong pavilion at the Festival for visitors to learn more about the history of dragon boating, and get some souvenirs about Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/director-of-hketo-attends-the-34th-toronto-international-dragon-boat-race-festival.html>

Director of HKETO visits Ottawa for business promotion

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, visited Ottawa on June 15 to promote Hong Kong as an ideal platform for Canadian companies to explore the ever-expanding healthcare and life science markets in Asia and Indo-Pacific region.

Ms Mo spoke at the seminar entitled "Turning challenges into opportunities in Healthcare and Life Sciences" organised by the HKCBA (Ottawa Section). She updated participants on the latest development in Hong Kong, and talked about the strengths of the city. She also introduced to participants the significant growth of the healthcare and life sciences sectors which are dominating in the IPO market.

Before joining the seminar, Ms Mo paid a courtesy call to Senator of Canada, Mr Victor Oh, at the Parliament Hill. She briefed him on the latest developments in Hong Kong and exchanged views with him on issues with mutual interests.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/director-of-hketo-visits-ottawa-for-business-promotion-2.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Hong Kong ranked fifth in World Competitiveness Yearbook 2022

In the latest World Competitiveness Yearbook (WCY) 2022 published by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), Hong Kong was ranked fifth globally, up from seventh last year. Denmark was ranked top, followed by Switzerland, Singapore and Sweden.

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Among the four competitiveness factors in WCY 2022, Hong Kong continued to rank favourably in "Government efficiency" and "Business efficiency", and the rankings in "Economic performance" and "Infrastructure" also improved. As regards the sub-factors, Hong Kong continued to top the ranking in "Business legislation", and was amongst the top-three in "Public finance", "Tax policy" and "International investment".

A Government spokesperson said on June 15 that the IMD's WCY 2022 recognised Hong Kong as one of the most competitive economies in the world. Hong Kong's competitiveness is underpinned by the institutional strengths under "One Country, Two Systems".

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/15/P2022061500209.htm>

Principal Officials of Sixth-term HKSAR Government appointed

The Central People's Government (CPG), on the nomination of the Chief Executive-elect, Mr John Lee, approved on June 19 the appointments of Principal Officials of the Sixth-term of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government.

The 21 Principal Officials appointed under the political appointment system are on non-civil service terms. They are:

Secretaries of Departments

Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki
Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan
Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam Ting-kwok, SC

Deputy Secretaries of Departments

Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Cheuk Wing-hing
Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Michael Wong
Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan

Directors of Bureaux

Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung
Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui
Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung
Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau
Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau

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Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung
Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn
Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie Ho
Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung
Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin
Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong
Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Ms Alice Mak
Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun

Also appointed are five Principal Officials heading the disciplined services, the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Audit Commission in the Sixth-term of the HKSAR Government. They are the Commissioner of Police, Mr Siu Chak-ye; the Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption, Mr Woo Ying-ming; the Director of Audit, Professor Nelson Lam; the Director of Immigration, Mr Au Ka-wang; and the Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Ms Louise Ho.

In addition, Mr Lee announced the appointment of Ms Carol Yip as the Director of the Chief Executive's Office of the Sixth-term of the HKSAR Government.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/19/P2022061900202.htm>

Government extends existing social distancing measures

The Government announced on June 27 the gazettal of extension of existing social distancing measures in accordance with the public health emergency regulations under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance, which will be effective from June 30 to July 13.

Currently, all catering and scheduled premises are allowed to re-open. The Government will continue to closely monitor the overall epidemic development, and take containment measures to sustain its effort in reducing the risk of an epidemic rebound.

Please visit the link below for details of the measures:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/27/P2022062600402.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on June 24 the immediate implementation of measures to curb scalping of guest rooms of designated quarantine hotels (DQHs) and the inclusion of three more DQH hotels under the eighth cycle of the DQH Scheme to increase the room supply.

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The eighth cycle of DQH Scheme will run from August 1 to October 31. There are altogether 65 DQHs under the eighth cycle of DQH Scheme, providing around 24 000 rooms.

The Government will update regularly the list of DQHs and their booking status on the thematic website www.designatedhotel.gov.hk

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/24/P2022062400859.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/16/P2022061600697.htm>

Family office and asset management group sets up global headquarters in Hong Kong

Priority Asset Management Group Limited, a multi-family office formed by several esteemed families from the Mainland and North America, officially opened its global headquarters in Hong Kong on June 24, leveraging the city's strategic location in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and sophisticated financial market to expand its high-net-worth clientele for its family office and asset management business in the region.

The new headquarters is located in the heart of Hong Kong's financial centre in Central with its strategic location in the Greater Bay Area as the main reason. It offers professional and independent financial advices and tailor-made high-net-worth asset management solutions to clients. It will also provide fund management services to clients.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/24/P2022062300298.htm>

Immigration Department introduces Online Assistance Request Form for residents outside Hong Kong to seek assistance

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSAR Government announced on June 21 the introduction of the Online Assistance Request Form service for Hong Kong residents outside Hong Kong to seek assistance from its Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU).

Further to the introduction of the network data call function for the AHU's 1868 hotline, the ImmD is now providing an Online Assistance Request Form to help Hong Kong residents in distress or in need of assistance outside Hong Kong to contact the AHU.

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With the introduction of the new Online Assistance Request Form, Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong requiring assistance may use any one of the following means to contact the AHU:

- Call (852) 1868;
- Call the 1868 hotline using network data via the Hong Kong Immigration Department mobile application; or
- Submit the Online Assistance Request Form.

Hong Kong residents can download or update the latest version of the Immd mobile app for free or the homepage of the Immigration Department: www.immd.gov.hk/eng/mobile/index.html.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/21/P2022062100164.htm>

Import of poultry meat and products from Township of Langley of British Columbia Province in Canada suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on June 21 that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Township of Langley of British Columbia Province in Canada, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the area 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/202206/21/P2022062100392.htm>

Promotional video on the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR

The Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government has produced a promotional video “Celebrating HKSAR’s 25th anniversary”. The video has been launched on the 25A website and 25A YouTube channel as follows:

25A website: <https://www.hksar25.gov.hk/en/video.html>

25A YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/8-VskBOHLbU>

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Media partnership to showcase Hong Kong’s competitiveness

In partnership with the ISD, The Economist has created two videos to show how Hong Kong strengthens its long-term competitiveness as a leading international transportation centre and an international aviation hub. The first video is about the transformation of Hong Kong International Airport into an airport city. The second one explains how the Zhuhai Trade Facilitation Platform will benefit trading in the Greater Bay Area and how the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy will help the city stay on top of its game in trading and logistics.

Hong Kong Looking Ahead – Aviation

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

Hong Kong Looking Ahead – Logistics

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

In addition, Phoenix TV, in partnership with the ISD, has produced a 30-minute TV segment on Hong Kong’s competitiveness as an international trade centre, explaining how companies and investors could leverage Hong Kong’s role as a two-way platform in “attracting foreign investment and going global”.

https://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XNTg4MTQwMDU1Ng==.html

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