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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 (DQH) 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.

In addition, starting from July 28, all persons boarding flights to Hong Kong are required to complete the online electronic "Health & Quarantine Information Declaration" (<https://www.chp.gov.hk/hdf/>) and obtain a QR code in advance. The code is valid for 96 hours and should be presented at check-in for verification by the airlines.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/24/P2022072400400.htm>

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>

HKETO JOB VACANCY

Administrative Assistant

Applications are invited for the post of Administrative Assistant at the HKETO. The suitable applicant should be a high school graduate with 3+ years' experience as an

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Administrative Assistant; or a post-secondary diploma / degree holder plus 1+ year of administrative experience. The applicant must be fluent in written and spoken English and Chinese (Cantonese), have good interpersonal and communication skills, and possess good general knowledge about Hong Kong and Canada. A pleasant telephone manner and proficiency in computer skills (database management and MS Office applications) are essential. Other language skill (e.g. Putonghua) would be an advantage. The applicant must be eligible to take up employment in Canada without arrangement of work visa by HKETO.

The successful applicant will be appointed on a one year contract initially. Contract gratuity will be granted upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to info@hketotoronto.gov.hk on or before August 11, 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HKSAR 25th Anniversary Celebration Activities in Canada

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), HKETO has been hosting a series of celebration events across Canada. Please join us at the upcoming events.

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

1) 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 of the exhibition are listed below:

September 1 to 9: cSPACE King Edward, Calgary

September 6 to 18: UBC Robson Square, Vancouver

September 10 to 22: Dr Hin-Shiu Hung Art Gallery of Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, Toronto

September 27 to end of October: Blankstein Gallery at Millennium Library, Winnipeg

October 1 to 17: Crybaby Gallery at Stackt Market, Toronto

October 2 to 16: Complexe Desjardins, Montreal

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2) 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.

For details of the event, please visit:

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

3) FANTASIA International Film Festival 2022

The Fantasia International Film Festival 2022 is being held until August 3. In partnership with HKETO, the Festival is presenting seven Hong Kong films including:

- i) Hard Boiled 辣手神探 (July 15)
- ii) Mercenaries from HK 獵魔者 (July 16)
- iii) Heroic Trio 東方三俠 (July 16 and July 28)
- iv) Detective Vs. Sleuths 神探大戰 (July 21)
- v) Kid with the Golden Arm 金臂童 (July 30)
- vi) Chilli Laugh Story 闖家辣 (July 31)
- vii) Legendary in Action! 大俠Action ! (August 3)

Tickets are on sale now. Please visit: <https://fantasiafestival.com/en/tickets-and-venues>

For information about the seven Hong Kong films, please visit the following link and click “Hong Kong”:

<https://fantasiafestival.com/en/festival-2022/program/movies?countryId=581708>

Mulan International Film Festival 2022

The Mulan International Film Festival 2022, an event to showcase the best of Chinese-language films, will run from August 12 to 20. HKETO will sponsor and co-present the screenings of two Hong Kong films at the festival, namely “Keep Rolling” 好好拍電影 (2021) directed by Man Lim-chung, and “Happy Together” 春光乍洩 (1997) directed by Wong Kar-wai. “Keep Rolling” is selected as the opening film of the festival.

For details of the festival and the films, please visit: <https://mulanfestival.com/>

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RECENT ACTIVITY

Hong Kong films featured at Fantasia International Film Festival

The HKETO supported the screening of seven Hong Kong films at the 26th Fantasia International Film Festival held from July 14 to August 3 in Montreal. In particular, the Festival honoured Hong Kong director Mr John Woo with the “Career Achievement Award” at the screening of his film “Hard Boiled” on July 15.

Speaking before the screening of “Hard Boiled”, Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, congratulated Mr Woo on receiving the prestigious award and his continuous achievements. Ms Mo noted that Hong Kong has a vibrant film industry and is a cosmopolitan city full of creativity.

Ms Mo added that the HKSAR Government has been very supportive of the development of Hong Kong film industry. She remarked that the HKETO would continue to support Hong Kong films to participate in various international film festivals held in Canada, including Fantasia.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-films-featured-at-fantasia-international-film-festival-2021.html>

Cantonese opera performance to celebrate HKSAR 25th anniversary

The Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, on July 24 attended the Cantonese opera performance at Flato Markham Theatre. This Cantonese opera performance is part of the “Canada-Hong Kong Young Cantonese Opera Cultural Exchange” organised by Starlight Chinese Opera Performing Arts Centre (Starlight) to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

In delivering the opening remarks before the Cantonese opera performance, Ms Mo said 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. The cultural industries in Hong Kong have been 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 performance, more than a dozen starlets staged six excerpts from popular Cantonese operas including the new “Love Story” composed by Cantonese opera artist,

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Ms Yuen Mei. These excerpts not only showcase the beauty of Cantonese opera to the Canadian audience but also enhance the cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/cantonese-opera-performance-to-celebrate-hksar-25th-anniversary.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Government trials upgraded electronic health declaration system to enhance arrival quarantine procedures

The HKSAR Government announced on July 24 the implementation of an upgraded electronic health declaration system on a trial basis starting from 0.00am on July 28 (Hong Kong Time), requiring inbound persons to complete the online electronic health declaration of the Department of Health and obtain a QR code before boarding their flights to Hong Kong. The launch of the upgraded electronic health declaration system will facilitate the Government's progressive enhancements to the electronic checking and processing of arrival quarantine procedures, thereby streamlining the process.

The health declaration QR code generated after completion of the declaration (which can be a downloadable version of the QR code, a screen shot or a printout) must be presented at check-in for verification by the airlines. The health declaration QR code will be valid for 96 hours.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/24/P2022072400400.htm>

In addition, with an increasing number of people arriving at Hong Kong from overseas, the demand for point-to-point transport services from Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) to DQHs keeps rising. The HKSAR Government has enhanced the existing free point-to-point transport services for inbound persons, and also introduced new options of self-paid transport services. To use the self-paid DQH taxi service, passengers will have to pay the metered fares and any additional charges applicable, e.g. tunnel tolls and luggage fees.

DQH taxis operate from 8am to 2am daily. Inbound persons who opt to go to DQHs by taxis at their own expense should inform the staff at the Arrival Hall after completing immigration procedures and baggage claim. They should go to the designated area for waiting and boarding DQH taxis as instructed.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/25/P2022072500146.htm>

The HKSAR Government also announced on July 26 that with effect from Aug 1, the eighth cycle of the DQH Scheme will involve 68 hotels to provide some 26 200 rooms in total. The Government will update regularly the list of DQHs and their booking status at <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/designated-hotel.html>.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/26/P2022072600689.htm>

Government extends existing social distancing measures

The HKSAR Government announced on July 26 the gazettal of the extension of existing social distancing measures in accordance with the public health emergency regulations under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance. The measures will be effective from July 28 to August 10.

The number of daily new cases in Hong Kong remains high at four-digit figures with an on-going rising trend. Balancing the needs for containing the epidemic and allowing social and economic activities, the Government decided to maintain the existing social distancing measures for the next 14-day cycle without making any relaxation.

Relevant measures include allowing all catering premises and scheduled premises to continue to operate subject to strict compliance with the requirements including use of the Vaccine Pass and “LeaveHomeSafe”. Other requirements, such as mask-wearing for citizens in transport carriers and specified public places, as well as prohibition of group gatherings in public places, also remain in force.

You can click the following link for details of the measures:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/26/P2022072600717.htm>

Policy Address consultation launched

The HKSAR Government on July 25 launched a public consultation for the Chief Executive’s 2022 Policy Address. The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, will deliver his first Policy Address on October 19.

Mr Lee stressed that he and his team are pleased to start a new chapter for Hong Kong with the fellow citizens. He advocated a people-based governing belief, while pursuing a

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result-oriented approach to serve members of the public in a pragmatic manner. He earnestly invite members of the public to give views on the 2022 Policy Address.

The Government will conduct about 30 consultation sessions to listen to views and suggestions of the Legislative Council Members, representatives of various sectors and members of the public. Members of the public can give their views through the Policy Address website (www.policyaddress.gov.hk), via the dedicated Facebook page for the Policy Address public consultation (www.facebook.com/PolicyAddress2022), or by email (policyaddress@csso.gov.hk), phone (2432 1899) or fax (2537 9083).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/25/P2022072500270.htm>

HKSAR Government vehemently objects to United States Trafficking in Persons Report 2022

The HKSAR Government on July 20 vehemently objects to the biased and unfair assessment of the United States Trafficking in Persons Report 2022 (Report) of the Department of State of the United States (US).

A Government spokesman remarked that trafficking in persons (TIP) is never a prevalent problem in Hong Kong and there has never been any sign that Hong Kong is being actively used by syndicates as a destination or transit point for TIP.

The HKSAR Government has all along been making proactive and multi-pronged efforts in the fight against TIP, and injected an enormous amount of resources to combat TIP and enhance the protection and well-being of foreign domestic helpers in Hong Kong.

The spokesman stressed that the HKSAR Government, as a responsible member of the international community, will continue its firm commitment to combatting TIP and contributing to the global efforts for this important cause.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/20/P2022072000199.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government on July 21 strongly condemned the attempt made by politicians of the US Congressional-Executive Commission on China to seek the imposition of so-called “sanctions” on prosecutors from the Department of Justice who have been fulfilling their righteous duties of administering justice independently and impartially.

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A spokesperson for the HKSAR Government reiterated that the city's prosecutors act strictly in accordance with a longstanding international practice that the decision to prosecute will only take into consideration the admissible evidence to justify instituting proceedings and the applicable law.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/21/P2022072100481.htm>

Companies expand operations in Hong Kong

Harvest International Securities Company Limited officially unveiled its new family office in Hong Kong on July 22, leveraging the city's role as a "super-connector" between Mainland China and the rest of the world to expand its global family office business.

Incorporated in Hong Kong in August 2016, Harvest International Securities Company Limited is licensed for Type 1 (Dealing in Securities), Type 4 (Advising on Securities) and Type 9 (Asset Management) from the Securities and Futures Commission, and an Exchange Participant of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited. It offers a wide range of financial services in Hong Kong, including mutual funds, privately offered funds, securities trading, equity investment, special account asset allocation, wealth management services.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/22/P2022072200299.htm>

In addition, Southeast Asia leading womenswear brand, Love, Bonito, officially opened its Hong Kong flagship store on July 22, as part of its global expansion plan to capitalise on its growth momentum and develop a stronger presence in the city.

The new flagship store is located in the heart of Central and measures over 2,000 square feet, offering Asian-centric fit and functional, yet trendy, women's clothing. Love, Bonito is a leading, vertically integrated, omni-channel womenswear brand in Southeast Asia.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/22/P2022072000454.htm>

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Immigration Department calls on members of public to apply for HKSAR passports early

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSAR Government reminded members of the public on July 22 to check the validity of their HKSAR passports in advance and arrange for renewal of their expired or expiring passports as early as possible to prevent any delay in outbound travel in the future.

The ImmD has introduced the HKSAR Passport Mobile Application Stations, which are promotional vehicles that will travel around all 18 districts throughout Hong Kong until early September to call on members of the public to arrange for renewal of an HKSAR passport early, and assist members of the public to apply for an HKSAR passport online.

The ImmD encouraged members of the public to submit their HKSAR passport applications through the Internet or the ImmD Mobile Application, or at Travel Document Submission Kiosks at the Immigration Headquarters in Wan Chai and the seven Immigration branch offices in a self-service manner.

At present, 168 countries and territories have granted visa-free access or visa-on-arrival to HKSAR passport holders. Some places require visitors to have a passport with validity of at least six months.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/22/P2022072200701.htm>

Two Hong Kong teams excel at international mathematical and physics Olympiads

Two teams of students representing Hong Kong achieved remarkable results in the 63rd International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO 2022) and the 52nd International Physics Olympiad (IPhO 2022) respectively. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, Hong Kong teams participated in the competitions and activities via online mode.

The IMO 2022, hosted by Norway, was held from July 6 to 16, with the participation of 589 students from 104 countries or regions. The Hong Kong team won one gold medal, three silver medals, one bronze medal and one honourable mention.

The IPhO 2022, organised by Switzerland, was held from July 10 to 17. A total of 366 students from 76 countries or regions competed for the medals. The Hong Kong team won four silver medals and one bronze medal.

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The Hong Kong teams were fully funded by the Education Bureau to join these competitions.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/18/P2022071800349.htm>

Hong Kong is a globally competitive innovation and technology centre

CNN, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, created a piece of editorial content with a short video clip on a Hong Kong-based high-tech vertical farm to showcase how highly skilled talents make a mark in the world by leveraging Hong Kong's strength as a globally competitive innovation and technology centre.

Title: "This Hong Kong farm is using fish and blue lights to grow basil the size of your face"

Link: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/07/19/business/farm66-hong-kong-aquaponics-scen-hnk-spc-intl/index.html>

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