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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. 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, 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.

Click the following link for details.

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

Starting from August 12, inbound travelers will be subject to compulsory quarantine in designated quarantine hotels (DQHs) for three nights, followed by medical surveillance at home or in other self-arranged accommodation for four nights, with multiple tests during medical surveillance and the monitoring period thereafter. They will be subject to Amber Code restrictions under the Vaccine Pass during medical surveillance period, and are not allowed to enter high-risk premises involving mask-off or group activities, as well as other premises requiring key protection.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/08/P2022080800803.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>

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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 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

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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 exhibitions 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

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>

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/>

HONG KONG NEWS

Government announces adjustments to quarantine arrangements for inbound persons

The HKSAR Government announced on August 8 the enhanced isolation and quarantine arrangements for inbound persons, after considering the position of Hong Kong as an

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international financial and commercial centre, and analysing factors including scientific data and balancing the transmission risks. The testing arrangements will also be correspondingly adjusted.

Starting from August 12, inbound persons from overseas places or Taiwan will be subject to quarantine under the "3+4" model, i.e. they will be subject to compulsory quarantine in DQHs for three nights, followed by medical surveillance at home or in other self-arranged accommodation for four nights, with multiple tests during medical surveillance and the monitoring period thereafter.

For details of the adjusted quarantine and testing arrangements, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/08/P2022080800803.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced the addition of the Red Code and Amber Code into the Vaccine Pass to differentiate persons with higher risk of infection. Starting from August 9:

(a) Confirmed cases will be categorised as persons with a Red Code. These persons are not allowed to leave the isolation location to avoid infecting others. Upon completion of their isolation, the Red code will be automatically reverted to a Blue Code; and

(b) Inbound persons from overseas places or Taiwan will be categorised as persons with an Amber Code during medical surveillance period. They are not allowed to enter high-risk premises involving mask-off or group activities, as well as other premises requiring key protection. When the medical surveillance period ends, the Amber Code will be automatically reverted to a Blue Code.

For details of the Red Code and Amber Code, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/08/P2022080800771.htm>

Government extends existing social distancing measures

The HKSAR Government announced on August 9 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 August 11 to August 24.

In order to contain the risk of virus transmission and balance the needs for allowing social and economic activities, the Government has 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

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operate subject to strict compliance with the requirements including use of the Vaccine Pass and "LeaveHomeSafe". Other requirements, such as mask-wearing for citizens on transport carriers and in specified public places, as well as prohibition of group gatherings in public places, also remain in force.

For details of the latest requirements and restrictions, please visit the link below:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/09/P2022080900736.htm>

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

The Ministry of Finance announced on August 4 its plan to issue new ten-year Renminbi (RMB) sovereign bonds totalling RMB1 billion and additional RMB sovereign bonds due 2024 totalling RMB4 billion in Hong Kong. The RMB sovereign bonds will be issued through the Central Moneymarkets Unit of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, said that the issuance of RMB sovereign bonds in Hong Kong demonstrates clearly the Central People's Government's full support of the development of Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre and the global offshore RMB business hub. It is conducive to further promoting the 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/202208/04/P2022080400647.htm>

HKSAR Government firmly opposes and strongly condemns US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan

A spokesman for the HKSAR Government said on August 2 that the HKSAR Government firmly opposed and strongly condemned a visit to Taiwan by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States (US), Nancy Pelosi.

The spokesman said that the HKSAR Government resolutely safeguards China's national sovereignty and territorial integrity, and upholds the one-China principle. Pelosi's visit to Taiwan constitutes gross interference in China's internal affairs, seriously undermines China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, wantonly tramples on the one-China principle, greatly threatens the peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, severely undermines China-US relations, and will lead to a very serious situation and grave consequences.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/03/P2022080200807.htm>

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs on August 5 announced eight countermeasures in response to Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, and adopted sanctions on Pelosi. HKSAR Government's spokesman remarked that the government fully supported and will facilitate all necessary measures by the Central Government to resolutely safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/05/P2022080500915.htm>

HKSAR Government vehemently opposes European Union's statement

The HKSAR Government on July 29 expressed strong opposition to a statement issued by the European Union (EU)'s spokesperson on civil and political rights.

A spokesman for the HKSAR Government said that the government vehemently opposed the EU's various unfounded criticisms and misleading comments about the implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law (the National Security Law) and the general situation of Hong Kong.

The spokesman remarked that the promulgation of the National Security Law is in line with the international practice of safeguarding national security. Since the city's return to the motherland, the HKSAR Government has been firmly committed to safeguarding the freedoms of the press, of speech, of assembly and of association, all of which are protected under the Basic Law and the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/29/P2022072900391.htm>

Security Bureau severely condemns some persons suspected of breaching National Security Law

A spokesman for the Security Bureau of the HKSAR Government on August 3 severely condemns Yuan Gong-yi, Ho Leung-mau (Canadian) and Leung Chung-hang and others for forming a so-called "Hong Kong Parliament" overseas, suspected of contravening the offence of subversion under Article 22 of the National Security Law.

The Security Bureau appeals to the public to dissociate themselves from individuals

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contravening the Hong Kong National Security Law, and the illegal activities those individuals organised, so as to avoid bearing any unnecessary legal risks.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/03/P2022080300222.htm>

StartmeupHK Festival 2022: A week-long showcase of Hong Kong's dynamic and thriving startup ecosystem

The annual StartmeupHK Festival returns in a hybrid format on September 5 to 10. Curated by Invest Hong Kong and guided by the theme "A Future Unlimited", the 2022 Festival will explore the latest topics ranging from the metaverse, non-fungible tokens, gaming, healthtech and proptech to sustainability and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Featuring seven main events and several diverse community events, the week-long festival will comprise keynotes from global business leaders, thought-provoking panel discussions with entrepreneurs, startup pitches, investor matching, competitions, exhibitions and job fairs, giving attendees a chance to exchange ideas, make new connections and define a blueprint for future of startups.

To register and find out more information about the StartmeupHK Festival 2022, visit the event website www.startmeup.hk/startmeuphk-festival-2022.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/09/P2022080300541.htm>

Malaysian durian and tropical fruit planter, manufacturer and exporter opens first regional office in Hong Kong

Malaysian durian and tropical fruit planter, manufacturer and exporter Top Fruits Sdn Bhd announced on July 28 that it has opened its first regional office in Hong Kong, leveraging the city's free trade port status to expand its durian and tropical fruit exporting business in the region.

Top Fruits is one of the largest single-owner agricultural planters in Malaysia, with more than 30 years of plantation experience in the country and managing 500 acres of planting land. Its products are mainly durians as well as other tropical fruits, being exported to more than 20 countries around the world.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202207/28/P2022072800239.htm>

Candidates interested in applying for AO, EOII, ATOII and TOII posts reminded to apply for Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law and National Security Law Test

The HKSAR Government announced on August 4 that the next round of recruitment exercises for the posts of Administrative Officer (AO), Executive Officer II (EOII), Assistant Trade Officer II (ATOII) and Transport Officer II (TOII) will begin in September 2022.

As part of the entry requirements, applicants for these posts will need to have obtained:

- (a) Level 2 in the two language papers (Use of Chinese and Use of English) in the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) or equivalent results;
- (b) a Pass result in the Aptitude Test (AT) paper in the CRE; and
- (c) a Pass result in the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) (degree/professional grades).

Prospective applicants for civil service posts at the degree or professional level can apply from August 5 to 18 to sit the CRE and BLNST in Hong Kong tentatively scheduled to be held on October 8 and 15.

For the convenience of applicants studying or residing outside Hong Kong, the CRE and BLNST are also tentatively scheduled to be held on December 10 in seven other cities including Toronto and Vancouver. An announcement on the details will be made separately later this year on the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) webpage. Persons who have applied to take the examination in Hong Kong will not be allowed to apply again for taking the examination outside Hong Kong.

More details about the coming CRE and BLNST are available on the CSB webpage (www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html).

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/04/P2022080400539.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/04/P2022080400536.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 August 8 that in view of notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian

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influenza in County of Stettler No. 6 of Alberta 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 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 60 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Canada in the first six months of this year.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/08/P2022080800538.htm>

Electronic services launched by the Immigration Department

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSAR Government has streamlined electronic services for visa application featuring the “e-Visa”, e-payment and other online downloading arrangements since December last year.

A series of publicity videos in English and Chinese to promote the services are available at ImmD’s YouTube channel as below:

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1e4fdRQjYaw>

Chinese: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBK8hQm-CaQ>

For more information about “e-Visa” and other e-Services for visa application, please visit the following websites:

<https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/e-visa.html>

<https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/evisaonline.html>

Hong Kong: a fertile ground for startups working in sustainable solutions

CNN, in partnership with the Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government, created a piece of branded content on a marine ecologist-turned-entrepreneur to showcase Hong Kong's strength as a globally competitive innovation and technology centre and that the city is a fertile ground for startups working in sustainable solutions.

Title: A Scientific Approach

Link: <https://sponsorcontent.cnn.com/int/brandhk-brighter-tomorrow/sustainable-business/>

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Video on Hong Kong's arts and culture

When it comes to art, Hong Kong is Asia's creative and commercial capital. ISD of the HKSAR Government has produced a video to showcase the uniqueness of Hong Kong's arts and culture sector, and how the city has become the destination for art dealers, investors and collectors over the past 25 years.

Title: Hong Kong: Art from the heart of Asia

Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OOVdnobBt5fZ2ApLViGwXRUE9y7OPjoZ?usp=sharing>

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