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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.

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>

In addition, all inbound travelers are 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 are also subject to Amber Code restrictions under the Vaccine Pass during medical surveillance period, and 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>

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 exhibitions are listed below:

September 3 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 28 to end of October: Blankstein Gallery at Millennium Library, Winnipeg

October 3 to 16: Complexe Desjardins, Montreal

October 4 to 17: Crybaby Gallery at Stackt Market, Toronto

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.

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For details of the event, please visit:

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

WIN@HKCBA Virtual Mission to Belt and Road Summit

HKETO supports the Women's International Network (WIN) of the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (Toronto Section) for a mission to the Seventh Belt and Road Summit which will return in Hong Kong on August 31 to September 1. WIN will host a pre-mission networking meeting on August 29. The Summit gathers senior government officials and business leaders from countries and regions along and beyond the Belt and Road to exchange insights on multilateral co-operation and explore concrete business opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative. More information about the Summit is at

https://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/conference/bnr/en/online_registration

A limited number of complimentary passes for the WIN delegation to the Summit are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please send an email at andrew.yui@hktdc.org for registration arrangements.

Imperial Ball 2022

Imperial Ball 2022 hosted by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto (CCCGT) will be held on September 10. Under the theme of "Moon Garden Illumina", the ball raises funds to build the new Asian Garden which will become a place to recognise the contribution of the Chinese community and celebrate the legacy of Chinese Canadians in the Greater Toronto Area. HKETO is a supporter of the event.

For details, please visit: <https://www.cccgt.org/imperialball/>

Asialicious Carnival 2022

The three-day weekend Asialicious Carnival will be held at Woodside Square in Scarborough from September 10 to 12. It is an annual event to showcase diverse Asian culture and heritage through a variety of food including Hong Kong style cuisine as well as activities such as a "Starry Night" variety show followed by fireworks, and multicultural performances. HKETO is a sponsor of the event.

For details of the event, please visit: <https://asialiciousto.com/carnival/>

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RECENT ACTIVITY

HKETO supports Hong Kong films at Mulan International Film Festival

HKETO supported the screening of two Hong Kong Films “Keep Rolling” and “Happy Together” at this year’s edition of Mulan International Film Festival (Festival) in Toronto held from August 12 to 20.

Speaking before the screening of “Keep Rolling” at the opening night of the Festival, Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, introduced the dynamic film industry in Hong Kong and highlighted Hong Kong's success in film-making.

Ms Mo noted that the HKSAR Government is committed to supporting the development of Hong Kong film industry. She also remarked that HKETO would continue to support Hong Kong films to participate in various international film festivals held in Canada, including Mulan.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-hong-kong-films-at-mulan-international-film-festival.html>

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Government largely extends social distancing measures

The HKSAR Government announced on August 23 the gazettal in accordance with the public health emergency regulations under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance to largely extend the existing social distancing measures to allow persons categorised as having an Amber Code under the Vaccine Pass to participate in business-to-business (B2B) conventions and exhibitions subject to specified requirements. The latest set of social distancing measures will be effective from August 25 to September 7.

Inbound persons from overseas places or Taiwan will be allowed to participate in B2B conventions and exhibitions subject to specified requirements when they are categorised as having an Amber Code.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/23/P2022082300649.htm>

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Besides, to comply with the Government's quarantine arrangements, a HKSAR Government spokesperson said on August 17 that the Fire Services Department (FSD) of the HKSAR Government has been arranging anti-epidemic coaches with over 20 seats to provide transport services at fixed locations and times for inbound persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) to a designated community isolation facility (CIF). The anti-epidemic coach services at HKIA has been enhanced to every 30 minutes from 6am to 1am and every hour from 1am to 6am daily.

Outside the above-mentioned hours, the HKSAR Government also arranged other anti-epidemic vehicles to transport inbound persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 to a CIF. The Task Group on Anti-epidemic Transportation led by the Transport and Logistics Bureau will continue to review and adjust the service in a timely manner in accordance with the actual situation and demand.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/17/P2022081700762.htm>

On the other hand, the HKSAR Government has implemented streamlined procedures of arrival quarantine and testing at the airport from August 12. Under the new arrangement, inbound persons from overseas places or Taiwan arriving at Hong Kong are required to register for testing right after disembarkation with their health declaration QR code generated upon completion of health declaration. They can then immediately have their specimen collected for the nucleic acid test and rapid antigen test (RAT) on the arrivals level of Terminal 1.

A Government spokesman said that the streamlined procedures of arrival quarantine and testing have considerably reduced the time. They have also minimised the chance of cross-infection among inbound persons at the airport.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/12/P2022081200694.htm>

CE welcomes and supports white paper on “The Taiwan Question and China's Reunification in the New Era”

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, on August 10 welcomed and expressed support for the white paper on “The Taiwan Question and China's Reunification in the New Era” published by the Central Government. The paper righteously reiterates to the world the fact that Taiwan is part of China and

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demonstrates the Central Authorities' firm stance and policy on materialising the reunification of the motherland.

According to the white paper, peaceful reunification and “One Country, Two Systems” are the basic principles for resolving the Taiwan question and the best approach to realizing national reunification.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/10/P2022081000649.htm>

Innovation and Technology Commission launches Innovation Hub@HK website

The Launch Ceremony of the Innovation Hub@HK website organised by the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) smoothly concluded on August 18, marking the combined strength of innovation and technology (I&T) of Hong Kong's universities and research institutes to contribute together in making Hong Kong an international I&T hub.

The Innovation Hub@HK website was launched with the aim of showcasing the research and development (R&D) outcomes of universities and research institutes of Hong Kong. It provides a one-stop platform to connect universities, research institutes and the industry to facilitate the technology transfer and commercialisation of R&D outcomes, assist the industry to enhance efficiency and to upgrade and transform business, thereby strengthening competitiveness.

The website currently includes over 360 R&D outcomes from six research institutes and six universities. Details of the R&D outcomes are available at the website (www.innovationhub.hk).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/18/P2022081800327.htm>

InvestHK partners with HKMA to launch Central Bank Digital Currency track for Global Fast Track 2022

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) jointly announced on August 10 the addition of the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) track to the Global Fast Track 2022, giving local and global firms valuable opportunities to partner with the central banking institution to boost the growth and adoption of fintech in Asia and beyond.

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The CBDC track invites banks, fintechs and tech firms to submit innovative solutions in eight focus areas, including retail CBDC (rCBDC) adoption, wholesale CBDC (wCBDC) adoption, programmable money, interoperability, privacy, cybersecurity, foreign exchange and liquidity management, and offline payments. Shortlisted applicants will then enter a pitching session. All qualified candidates may also have the opportunities to work with the HKMA on research projects and pilots to foster the future growth of the CBDC ecosystem. Application for the CBDC track is now open until mid-September.

In recent years, Hong Kong has been leading in international collaborations and research on CBDC, with work on wCBDC well recognised by the market and ranked as one of the most mature of its kind in the world.

Global Fast Track is a one-stop programme with a business matching portal, pitching competition, and mentoring sessions which connect global fintech companies with a diverse range of Asian Corporate, Investor and Service Champions to explore potential business partnerships and investments. The Global Fast Track is organised by InvestHK and co-organised by Finnovasia.

To learn more about the CBDC track and the latest programme updates, visit the Global Fast Track 2022 website: www.globalfasttrack.hk/.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/10/P2022081000424.htm>

SCS encourages young interns of Administrative Service

As the 2022 Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme is drawing to a close, the Secretary for the Civil Service of the HKSAR, Mrs Ingrid Yeung on August 12 met with participating university students, encouraging them to apply for civil service posts such as the Administrative Officer (AO) post upon graduation to serve society and contribute to the country.

The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) received around 230 applications for the programme this year, and among them selected 59 students studying in local, Mainland and overseas tertiary institutions as interns. They were assigned to 24 bureaux and departments to handle duties comparable to those of an AO.

AOs are professional public administrators who play a pivotal role in the civil service system. They are responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies and resource allocation, as well as duties such as the promotion of Hong Kong's interests in the Mainland and overseas. They are posted to different bureaux and

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departments at regular intervals with the opportunities to undertake different areas of public policy work, accumulate experience and broaden horizons. The Government will launch a new round of the AO Recruitment Exercise in September 2022.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/12/P2022081200696.htm>

HKSAR 25th anniversary advertorial in magazine of British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong

As a part of the publicity mix for celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, the Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government on August 22 placed an advertorial in Britain in Hong Kong Magazine, the magazine of the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, to highlight Hong Kong's achievements over the past quarter century and showcase a new era of opportunities arising from further integration into the national development through leveraging Hong Kong's unique strengths under "One Country, Two Systems" and the unwavering support of the Central Government.

Article: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Link: https://issuu.com/britcham01/docs/britain_in_hong_kong_-_septoct_2022-2/20 (p. 20-21)

Media partnership to showcase Hong Kong's attractiveness

CNN, in partnership with the ISD of the HKSAR Government, created a piece of branded content on a Hong Kong-based clean tech startup to showcase Hong Kong's strengths and attractiveness as a launch pad for talents hoping to make a positive impact in the world.

Article: Constructing a Green Solution

Link: <https://sponsorcontent.cnn.com/int/brandhk-brighter-tomorrow/green-solutions/>

Interviewee:

Brandon Ng, founder of Ampd Energy

Adrian Lo, Director of Corporate Development, SOCAM Development Limited

In addition, Hong Kong is Asia's creative and commercial capital. ISD has conducted two interviews on what is unique about 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.

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Title: Hong Kong: Art from the heart of Asia

Video links:

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

Interviewees:

Dr Louis Ng, Museum Director, Hong Kong Palace Museum

Katie de Tilly, Director, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery

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 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)).

[Click here to read the details of Contract Doctor \(without full registration\)](#)

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