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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 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 are 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) are 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

October 3 to 16: Complexe Desjardins, Montreal

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

October 5 to end of October: Blankstein Gallery at Millennium Library, Winnipeg

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>

Imperial Ball 2022

Imperial Ball 2022 hosted by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto 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/>

RECENT ACTIVITY

Media partnership to showcase Hong Kong’s “City History Made Modern”

HKETO, in partnership with mainstream media, Fete Chinoise, launched a media campaign to produce a chapter on Hong Kong’s revitalization story – “Hong Kong: City History Made Modern - Historic Sites Re-Designed for Everyday Life and Collective Memories” in its special summer edition. Readers are invited to explore six historic sites in the Central and Sheung Wan districts to see how they have been preserved and transformed into modern day use for the benefit of the local community and visitors. It is also a joint project in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

Please visit the links below for Part One and Part Two of the story:

<https://www.fetechinoise.ca/blog/2022/hong-kong-modern-one>

<https://www.fetechinoise.ca/blog/2022/hong-kong-modern-two>

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HKETO Director promotes business opportunities in the Belt and Road Initiative

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the “Second WIN@HKCBA Virtual Mission to Belt and Road Summit 2022” pre-mission networking meeting hosted virtually by Women’s International Network (WIN) of the HKCBA (Toronto Section) on August 29. The meeting aims to promote the abundant business opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative for Canadian companies.

In delivering the welcome remarks, Ms Mo highlighted the Belt and Road Initiative which helps Canadian entrepreneurs grasp new business opportunities and that Hong Kong is the ideal partner for them.

Ms Mo encouraged Canadian companies to join the seventh Belt and Road Summit to be held in hybrid mode from August 31 to September 1. The Summit allowed participants to exchange insights on multilateral cooperation and explore concrete business opportunities with senior government officials and business leaders from countries and regions along and beyond the Belt and Road.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-joins-networking-meeting-to-promote-business-opportunities-in-the-belt-and-road-initiative-2.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Government maintains existing social distancing measures

The HKSAR Government announced on September 6 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 September 8 to September 21. At the same time, given the caseload is expected to stay high in the short term, the Government will take strict enforcement actions on various anti-epidemic measures including compulsory testing, quarantine/isolation, social distancing and Vaccine Pass (including Red Code and Amber Code), and more.

You can click the following link for details of the latest requirements and restrictions:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/06/P2022090600648.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on September 1 that the COVID-19 nucleic acid testing arrangements for persons arriving from the Mainland and Macao would be rationalised. Starting from September 3, persons arriving at Hong Kong from

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the Mainland or Macao via the airport are no longer required to undergo “test-and-hold” arrangement in a bid to align the testing arrangements for relevant persons arriving at Hong Kong via the airport and land boundary control points. However, all persons arriving from the Mainland and Macao must undergo compulsory nucleic acid testing on Day 2 upon their arrival at Hong Kong. The new arrangements are implemented in view of the control and management measures implemented in at-risk areas in the Mainland and Macao, and that persons arriving at Hong Kong from the Mainland and Macao pose very low infection risks to Hong Kong.

Please visit the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/01/P2022090100771.htm>

Seventh Belt and Road Summit opens

The seventh Belt and Road Summit themed “Heralding a New Chapter: Collaborate and Innovate” opened on August 31 in a hybrid format to discuss business and collaboration opportunities associated with the Belt and Road Initiative. Over 6 000 senior government officials and business leaders from more than 80 countries and regions signed up for the Summit.

In his opening address at the Summit, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, pointed out that the Belt and Road is built on collaboration and covers a wide spectrum of connectivity. He said the Initiative has brought about trade and investment co-operation, as well as infrastructure development, unleashing profound potential and opportunities.

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, and the Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, also spoke at the event. They highlighted Hong Kong’s role in actively contributing to the Belt and Road Initiative in areas such as infrastructure financing, green finance, Renminbi business, risk management, and dispute resolution, etc.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/31/P2022083100563.htm>

HKSAR Government expresses gratitude for national support for further expanding mutual access between Mainland and Hong Kong financial markets

Vice Chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) Dr Fang Xinghai announced on September 2 that the CSRC would move forward to launch a trio of new initiatives to expand mutual access between the Mainland and Hong Kong markets.

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The new initiatives include more overseas companies that have primary listing in Hong Kong to be included in southbound Stock Connect, study to set up a Renminbi (RMB) securities trading counter under Southbound Trading of Stock Connect, and support the issuance of Mainland government bond futures in Hong Kong. The HKSAR Government expressed its sincere gratitude.

The HKSAR Government, the Securities and Futures Commission and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited have already commenced discussion with relevant Mainland institutions and will continue the close collaboration with a view to implementing the measures promptly.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/02/P2022090200480.htm>

Measures for Supporting the Linked Development of Shenzhen and Hong Kong Venture Capital Investments in Qianhai

The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau of the HKSAR Government and the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone of Shenzhen Municipality (Qianhai Authority) on September 2 jointly promulgated 18 measures for Supporting the Linked Development of Shenzhen and Hong Kong Venture Capital Investments in Qianhai to support the linked development of Shenzhen and Hong Kong venture capital (VC) investments, promote Shenzhen-Hong Kong co-operation on innovation and technology (I&T), and leverage finance to foster the development of an international I&T hub in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

The wide scope of the 18 measures will provide facilitation and preferential policies for the Hong Kong private equity industry and promote the development of a mechanism that links Shenzhen and Hong Kong VC.

In addition, the Qianhai Authority will collaborate with Hong Kong to promote financial and technological development and talents exchange through providing rewards and subsidies.

The full text of the 18 measures for Supporting the Linked Development of Shenzhen and Hong Kong Venture Capital Investments in Qianhai can be accessed at www.fstb.gov.hk/en/financial_ser/financial-co-operation-with-the-mainland_Full-document.html

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/02/P2022090100371.htm>

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Import of poultry meat and products from Canada suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on September 5 that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in County of Athabasca No. 12 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 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/202209/05/P2022090500375.htm>

Hong Kong's role in sustainable investment

The Financial Times, in partnership with the Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government, has created a piece of branded content to shed light on Hong Kong's significant development and important role in sustainable investment.

Title: Green Lights - Growth of Sustainable Investing in Hong Kong

Link: <https://www.ft.com/partnercontent/brandhongkong/green-lights-growth-of-sustainable-investing-in-hong-kong.html>

CNN content partnership on startups

CNN, in partnership with the ISD, created a piece of branded content on two Hong Kong-based startup networking and investment platforms to showcase Hong Kong's competitive edge as a launchpad for ideas and innovation.

Article: The Perfect Pitch

Link: <https://sponsorcontent.cnn.com/int/brandhk-brighter-tomorrow/perfect-pitch/>

Interviewee:

Karena Belin, Co-Founder, WHub and AngelHub

In another collaboration, CNN created a piece of editorial content on how smart service robots developed by a Hong Kong-based tech startup helps the hospitality sector combat labour shortages and its clients meet the heightened hygiene protocols under the pandemic.

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Article: These cute robots could deliver your next coffee

Link: <http://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/rice-robotics-hong-kong-hospitality-hnk-spc-intl/index.html>

Interviewees:

Viktor Lee, founder and CEO of Rice Robotics

Anita Chan, general manager of Dorsett Wanchai hotel

Kaye Chon, dean of the School of Hotel and Tourism Management at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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