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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.

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

October 3 to 23: Complexe Desjardins, Montreal

October 4 to 16: North Hall Gallery (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>

Complimentary registration for online participation is open:

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

Promotion code: HKCBAConference2022

2022 ACCE West Coast Gala

The Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) will host the 2022 ACCE West Coast Gala on October 5 in Vancouver. The event serves to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation and corporate citizenship. ACCE has made continual effort to recognise the achievements of outstanding Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs and to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship among the Chinese Canadian community. HKETO is the supporter of the event.

For details and registration, please visit: <https://www.acce.ca/new/2022-acce-west-coast-gala/>

M&A Club Awards Gala Ontario

The M&A Club will host the first M&A Awards event in Ontario on October 18 in Toronto, celebrating both corporate and professionals excellence in financing and M&A in Canada. HKETO and Invest Hong Kong are supporter of the event.

More information is at <https://www.maclub.ca/ma-awards-gala-ontario-2022/>

MRVCBA Outstanding Women Award

Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan Chinese Business Association will host the 2022 Outstanding Women Awards Gala on October 22. Through six awards in different categories, the organizer will honour and celebrate the year's most successful Asian women entrepreneurs and community leaders, whose ambitions have transcended all challenges to achieve boundless business prosperity, social advancements, and worldly transformations. HKETO is the supporter of its Outstanding Greater Bay Area Communion Award.

For details, please visit https://www.mrvcba.ca/index.php?route=common/event&event_id=543

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO supports Asialicious 2022 with a Hong Kong theme

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the opening ceremony of the 4th annual Asialicious Carnival organised by the Federation of Asian Canadians Toronto and the City of Toronto on September 10.

Speaking at the event, Ms Mo noted that Toronto and Hong Kong share the common feature of having easy access to a mix of culture and authentic food, as well as experience an exciting gastronomic journey at a wide range of restaurants from no-frills eateries to world-class Michelin-Star restaurants.

The three-day carnival held from September 10 to 12 carried a Hong Kong theme this year, and photo stations with traditional “Hong Kong Style Tea House” and “Hong Kong taxi” as background were available for visitors to take pictures. Activities such as Hong Kong pop songs singing, Hong Kong photo booths, a “Starry Night” variety show followed by fireworks, and multicultural performances were also part of the carnival.

On the same day, Ms Mo also attended the Imperial Ball 2022 hosted by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto. Under the theme of “Moon Garden Illumina”, the ball raised 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.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-asialicious-2022-with-a-hong-kong-theme.html>

Director of HKETO visits Montreal for business promotion

Director of the HKETO, Ms Mo, attended the “Mid-Autumn Festival Networking Cocktail” in Montreal on September 14 to promote Hong Kong’s business opportunities for Canadian companies. This networking cocktail is the first in-person event hosted by the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (Montreal Section) after two challenging years of pandemic.

Addressing at the event, Ms Mo updated participants on the latest economic developments of Hong Kong and pointed out that the city has functioned remarkably well attracting a continual inflow of capital.

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Besides, Ms Mo remarked that the World Investment Report 2021 published by the UN Conference on Trade and Development ranked Hong Kong the world's third-largest recipient of foreign direct investment.

Ms Mo encouraged Canadian companies to grasp the vast opportunities to tap into the markets in the Mainland China and Asia through the Hong Kong platform.

Click the following link for details.

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

HONG KONG NEWS

Hong Kong once again ranked as the world's freest economy

The Fraser Institute continued to rank Hong Kong as the world's freest economy in the Economic Freedom of the World 2022 Annual Report. Hong Kong has gained the top rank since the inception of the report. Among the five areas of assessment, Hong Kong continued to rank top in "Freedom to Trade Internationally" and "Regulation". The HKSAR Government welcomed the recognition.

A Government spokesman said that the HKSAR Government has been striving to improve the business environment and enhance market efficiency and support, thereby allowing the economy to display flexibility and resilience and leverage the advantages of the free market. The government's commitment to maintaining an efficient, free, open and fair business environment is once again affirmed.

Looking forward, Hong Kong, under "one country, two systems", will leverage on the motherland's strong support and connection with the world market, and continue to play its unique roles as a gateway, a springboard and an intermediary. Hong Kong will create strong impetus for growth, and actively integrate into the overall development of our country, dovetail with national strategies such as the National 14th Five-Year Plan, the Greater Bay Area development and high-quality Belt and Road co-operation, and seize the opportunities ahead.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/08/P2022090800841.htm>

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Government maintains existing social distancing measures

The HKSAR Government announced on September 20 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 22 to October 5.

The number of daily new cases in Hong Kong has started to show signs of decline. It is now a critical time to stabilise the epidemic situation. To have a clear observation of the epidemic trend, the Government decided to maintain the existing social distancing measures in the next 14-day cycle.

Relevant measures include allowing all catering premises and scheduled premises to continue to operate subject to strict compliance with requirements. 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.

You can click the following link for details of the latest requirements and restrictions:
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/20/P2022092000721.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on September 9 that in view of the gradual removal of COVID-19 prevention and control requirements in overseas places, outbound passengers and transit passengers departing for overseas places or Taiwan via the Hong Kong International Airport are no longer required to go through temperature screening. As for inbound passengers entering Hong Kong, as well as departing passengers bound for the Mainland or Macao, the temperature screening arrangements remain in place.

Click the following link for details.
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/09/P2022090900694.htm>

Besides, in view of the latest developments of the epidemic situation, and after reviewing the relevant data, the Government announced on September 9 the adjustments to the quarantine arrangements for air crew. Locally based air crew performing duties on passenger flights to/from overseas places or Taiwan are required to undergo a “test and hold” arrangement upon their arrival at Hong Kong International Airport. They may leave the airport after obtaining a negative result of the nucleic acid test. They are subject to regular testing after their return to the local community, so as to keep their health conditions under continued monitoring.

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The Government trusts that the adjustments will effectively facilitate airlines to enhance flight services between Hong Kong and other parts of the world, and enable Hong Kong to play its role as an international aviation hub for bringing convenience to travellers and businesses, and facilitating recovery of normal economic and social activities.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/09/P2022090900649.htm>

SCED attends 6th ASEAN Economic Ministers - Hong Kong, China Consultation

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR, Mr Algernon Yau, and the Minister of Commerce of Cambodia, Mr Pan Sorasak, co-chaired the 6th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Economic Ministers - Hong Kong, China Consultation in Siem Reap, Cambodia, on September 17 to discuss issues relating to the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement and the Investment Agreement between Hong Kong and ASEAN.

Mr Yau said at the meeting that the conclusion of the two Agreements is a strategic move in unlocking huge economic potential and injecting new impetus for the long-term and sustainable trade and economic development between the two places. ASEAN is Hong Kong's second largest partner in trade in goods and third largest partner in trade in services.

Mr Yau also appealed for ASEAN member states' continued support for Hong Kong's early accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). ASEAN member states welcomed Hong Kong's request and readiness for the launch of substantive accession discussions between RCEP Members and Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/17/P2022091700233.htm>

StartmeupHK Festival 2022 concludes successfully

StartmeupHK Festival 2022 themed "A Future Unlimited", organised by Invest Hong Kong, was successfully concluded on September 10 after a week of events and activities centred around start-ups, changemakers and emerging technologies.

StartmeupHK Festival 2022 kicked off on September 5 with the GBA Innovation Summit 2022 organised by TusPark and the 1.5°C Summit - The Defining Decade for Impact with Tech, by Eureka Nova and New World Development.

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On September 6, Brinc's Asia Healthcare Innovation Summit gave members of Asia's expansive healthcare ecosystem a chance to explore biotech, healthtech, medtech and blockchain adaptation.

A new addition to the Festival, MaGESpire's Game On! 2022, celebrated the essence of gaming, art, music and entertainment on September 8 and 9.

Rounding off the week was KMPG's Connected Cities Conference on September 9 and Global Citizen Capital's Young Pioneers forum 2022 on September 10.

The festival drew over 20 000 participants from more than 100 countries and territories, comprising industry leaders, entrepreneurs, investors, tech enthusiasts and government officials.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/15/P2022091400379.htm>

Import of poultry meat and products from Sturgeon County of Alberta Province in Canada suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on September 9 and 19 respectively that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Sturgeon County and Strathcona County 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 affected areas 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 links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/09/P2022090900464.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/19/P2022091900441.htm>

Limited registration approved for non-locally trained doctors

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson on September 7 announced that confirmation has been received from the Medical Council of Hong Kong on the approval of three applications of non-locally trained doctors for practice with limited registration in public

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hospitals to help relieve the frontline workload. Among the three applications, two are new applications while the other one is for renewal. The three doctors will be serving in internal medicine, ophthalmology and radiology departments.

The HA spokesperson said that the recruitment of non-locally trained doctors will continue. Selection interviews by user departments will be arranged for eligible applicants. Currently, there are 44 non-locally trained doctors working in public hospitals under limited registration, to relieve the manpower shortage and workload pressure of frontline doctors in the specialties of anaesthesia, cardiothoracic surgery, emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurosurgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, ophthalmology, paediatrics, radiology and surgery.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/07/P2022090700180.htm>

Meanwhile, the 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 \(without full registration\)](#)

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

Recruitment for four civil service graduate grades

The HKSAR Government launched a recruitment exercise on September 17 for appointment as Administrative Officer (AO), Executive Officer II, Assistant Trade Officer II and Transport Officer II in 2022-23.

The application period for the above posts closes at 5pm on October 7 (Hong Kong time). The recruitment is open to all permanent residents of the HKSAR who meet the relevant entry requirements. Current final year undergraduates may also apply.

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

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

Details of the recruitment exercise have been uploaded to the Civil Service Bureau (CSB)'s website at www.csb.gov.hk. For the recruitment of AO, relevant information is also available on a dedicated website at www.ao-recruitment.gov.hk.

The application details and an online application system for the CRE and/or BLNST in seven cities outside Hong Kong, including Toronto and Vancouver, will be uploaded to the CSB's webpage between September 24 and October 7 (www.csb.gov.hk/english/recruit/cre/949.html).

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/17/P2022091600477.htm>

Government yearbook “Hong Kong 2021” launched online

The latest government yearbook “Hong Kong 2021” is now available at <http://www.yearbook.gov.hk/> for free access.

With a wealth of facts and figures, the yearbook provides an extensive account of government policies and activities and an overview of Hong Kong's life and developments in 2021. There are 22 chapters on a wide range of subjects and nine colour sections with more than 90 photos illustrating the city's different aspects.

The online version is available in English, traditional Chinese and simplified Chinese.

Media partnership to showcase Hong Kong's art and colorful scene

Euronews, in partnership with the Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government, has produced a 5-minute TV segment featuring HK's three art and culture venues, namely M+, Hong Kong Palace Museum and Oil Street Art Space, noting that HK's growing art scene was part of the city's effort to enrich the quality of life, help artists and attract visitors.

Title: “Hong Kong Embraces Art To Enrich Quality of Life”

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Links:

(English) <https://www.euronews.com/2022/09/05/hong-kong-embraces-art-to-enrich-quality-of-life>

(French) <https://fr.euronews.com/2022/09/05/les-nouvelles-dimensions-de-la-scene-artistique-de-hong-kong>

In addition, CNN, in partnership with the ISD, created a piece of editorial content on the redesign of four micro parks in Hong Kong, including Portland Street Rest Garden and Yi Pei Square Playground, by Design Trust. These colourful new pocket parks are revitalising public spaces in the city.

Article: Hong Kong's colorful new “pocket parks” are revitalizing public spaces

Link: <https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/hong-kong-micro-park-design-trust-hnk-spc-intl/index.html>

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