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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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The boarding requirements and quarantine arrangements for inbound persons from overseas places or Taiwan for Hong Kong are as follows:

- A declaration of the negative result of a self-arranged rapid antigen test (RAT) conducted within 24 hours prior to the scheduled time of departure should be made via the online Health & Quarantine Information Declaration of the Department of Health.
- Boarding requirement of having completed vaccination for Hong Kong residents are lifted. Non-Hong Kong residents aged 12 or above will still be required to be fully vaccinated or have obtained a medical exemption certificate before they are allowed to board a flight for Hong Kong.
- "Test-and-go" arrangement is implemented at the Hong Kong International Airport. Inbound persons can take public transport or self-arranged transport to return to their home or their hotel of choice.
- No compulsory quarantine are required. There are three days of medical surveillance during which inbound persons are free to go out but are obliged to comply with Amber Code restrictions under the Vaccine Pass, followed by a four-day self-monitoring period.
- Nucleic acid tests on Day 2, Day 4 and Day 6 are required upon arrival at Hong Kong, supplemented by daily RATs from Day 1 to Day 7.
- For inbound persons who are tested positive by nucleic acid tests or RATs, their Vaccine Pass will be converted to a Red Code. Their isolation arrangements will be aligned with that for local cases.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202209/24/P2022092400048.htm>

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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>

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/>

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:

October 3 to 23: Complexe Desjardins, Montreal

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

Invest Hong Kong - Investment Promotion Week

Invest Hong Kong is holding the Investment Promotion Week on October 17-21 to promote the investment and business opportunities in Hong Kong. In this week-long hybrid event, government officials and distinguished speakers from various sectors, including financial and professional services, innovation and technology industries, lifestyle and creative industries, startups and businesses in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Greater Bay Area), will share their insights and experience. The event is free admission. For program details and registration, please visit the official website at:

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<https://www.investhk.gov.hk/en/investment-promotion-week.html>

Click the following link for details.

https://www1.investhk.gov.hk/page/newsletter/InvestHK_Investment_Promotion_Week_2022_en.htm

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

"A New Era: Succeeding in Asia and Beyond Through Hong Kong" networking event

The HKCBA (Calgary Section), Hong Kong Trade Development Council (Canada) and HKETO will jointly host the "A New Era: Succeeding in Asia and Beyond Through Hong Kong" networking session in Calgary on October 27. The event will provide updates on the the latest development in Hong Kong and the deliverables available for Canada companies to leverage on the Hong Kong platform for participants.

To learn more, please visit HKCBA Calgary's official website:

<https://calgary.hkcba.com/events/a-new-era-succeeding-in-asia-and-beyond-through-hong-kong>

Cathay Ball 2022

The Cathay Ball 2022 themed "Honour Yesterday. Nurture Tomorrow" hosted by the Mon Sheong Foundation will be held on November 5. HKETO will support the event again as the Social Photo Sponsor this year. Guests are welcome to visit HKETO's photo booth and take beautiful pictures at the event. For details, please visit <https://cathayball.monsheong.org/>

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

“A Landscape Journey” photography exhibition in Canada celebrates Hong Kong SAR 25th anniversary

The HKETO organised a photography touring exhibition entitled “A Landscape Journey” in Canada featuring Hong Kong young award-winning photographer Kelvin Yuen. The Toronto leg of the exhibition held its opening ceremony on October 4 at the North Hall Gallery of the Stackt Market in downtown Toronto. This touring exhibition is jointly presented by HKETO and the Chinese-Canadian Photographic Society of Toronto (CCPST) to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, the Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, briefed the participants on Hong Kong’s dynamic arts and cultural scene. Ms Mo invited participants to have a glimpse of the beautiful landscape of Hong Kong through the photo displays.

She added that Hong Kong had lifted compulsory quarantine requirement for inbound travellers. Ms Mo invited Canadian visitors to enjoy Hong Kong’s nature and other offerings including various new developments in the West Kowloon Cultural District.

The “A Landscape Journey” touring exhibition has been arranged in different cities including Calgary, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Montreal and Toronto from September to October to display 30 photos of Kelvin Yuen and other photos of CCPST members.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/a-landscape-journey-photography-exhibition-in-canada-celebrates-hong-kong-sar-25th-anniversary.html>

HKETO Director visits Vancouver for business promotion

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, paid a visit to Vancouver on October 5 to 7 to promote the business and career development opportunities in Hong Kong.

Upon arrival in the evening on October 5, Ms Mo attended the West Coast Gala organised by the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs to promote Hong Kong’s position as an ideal gateway for Canadian businesses to tap into the vast business opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region. Ms Mo encouraged participants to visit Hong Kong to explore the exciting developments and opportunities in the city.

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On October 6, Ms Mo attended the oral question period of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in the morning and held a meeting with the Leader of the British Columbia Liberal Party Mr Kevin Falcon and Member of the Legislative Assembly Ms Teresa Wat to exchange views on issues of mutual interests.

Ms Mo also attended a lunch meeting with BC Minister of State for Trade, Mr George Chow and the community leaders in Victoria and updated them on the latest developments of Hong Kong.

After the lunch meeting, Ms Mo visited the Chinese Canadian Museum and learned about the history of Chinese Canadians in Victoria, as well as meeting with the representative from the University of Victoria to understand their work and to promote career as well as study opportunities in Hong Kong.

In the morning of October 7, Ms Mo paid a courtesy call to the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver, Mr Yang Shu, to brief him on the work of HKETO and discuss issues of mutual interest.

Click the following link for details.

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

HKETO hosts music seminar to celebrate HKSAR's 25th anniversary

The HKETO on October 15 held a music seminar with Canadian young musicians and music students in Toronto to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. The seminar aimed to introduce the vibrant cultural environment in Hong Kong as well as the study and career opportunities in the city.

The Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the music seminar entitled "Explore a Music Career in Hong Kong". She introduced to participants that Hong Kong is an ideal place for living, study and career development.

Ms Mo remarked that the HKSAR Government is keen on attracting talents outside the city to work and to do business in Hong Kong. Apart from introducing various admission schemes for talents, professionals and entrepreneurs, she highlighted the Working Holiday Scheme. Ms Mo encouraged the participating young musicians and music students to seize the opportunities to seek jobs or further studies in Hong Kong.

At this seminar, famous Canadian Hong Kong musician, Ms Wendy Zheng, shared her stories and experiences in developing her career in Hong Kong.

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The HKETO also supported a concert titled “Dawn” at P.C. Ho Theatre of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto on October 16 to showcase the close cultural ties between Hong Kong and Canada. Over 60 Canadian musicians and choir members from the Ontario Cross-Cultural Music Society (OCMS) performed a series of music pieces, including the theme music piece “Dawn” which was composed for the gala dinner in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR in Toronto earlier in June.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-hosts-music-seminar-to-celebrate-hksars-25th-anniversary.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Policy Address: Charting a Brighter Tomorrow for Hong Kong

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, set out his vision for Hong Kong and outlined his initiatives for the city’s development in the next five years through his inaugural Policy Address on October 19.

Mr Lee said the Policy Address, entitled “Charting a Brighter Tomorrow for Hong Kong”, was a “Policy Address for Hong Kong citizens”. In the next five years, he will lead the government team to unite and motivate all sectors of the community, and give full play to Hong Kong’s fine traditions of inclusiveness, unity and respect for different viewpoints.

The Chief Executive stressed that the full and faithful implementation of the “One Country, Two Systems” principle would help to ensure Hong Kong’s long-term prosperity and stability, while also safeguarding national sovereignty, security and development interests.

The Chief Executive also pledged to take a result-oriented approach to policy-making while also enhancing governance systems, capability and efficacy.

To create strong impetus for growth, the Chief Executive announced that he had set aside HK\$30 billion to establish a Co-Investment Fund aimed at attracting non-local enterprises to set up operations in Hong Kong.

He added that, to support the convention and exhibition industry, a new HK\$1.4 billion scheme would be launched next year to subsidise over 200 exhibitions to be staged in Hong Kong in three years.

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Mr Lee conclude that “guided by the important speech delivered by President Xi on July 1 as the governance blueprint for the current-term Government, it is our hope to better serve our people and better develop Hong Kong, so that everyone can share the fruits of our achievements.”

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/19/P2022101900383.htm>

Mr Lee, used his maiden Policy Address to outline the HKSAR Government’s strategies to compete for enterprises and talents to strengthen the city’s competitiveness.

Mr Lee’s initiatives include setting up an Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises (OASES) and a Top Talent Pass Scheme as well as enhancing existing talent admission schemes. The OASES will be tasked with attracting high-potential and representative strategic enterprises from around the globe, particularly those from industries of strategic importance, such as life and health technology, artificial intelligence and data science, financial technology, and advanced manufacturing and new energy technology.

The Government will also waive the requirement of applying for an employment visa for more visitors participating in short-term activities in Hong Kong.

With innovation and technology (I&T) being a core development focus, the Government would enlarge the talent pool for the tech sector.

To be more proactive in reaching out to target talents and enterprises, the functions of Mainland Offices and overseas economic and trade offices of the Government would be expanded to include dedicated teams that would enhance promotion of Hong Kong in Mainland and overseas markets.

To expedite Hong Kong’s progression into an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange, as set out in the National 14th Five-Year Plan, the Chief Executive highlighted the need to foster creative talents and attract leading lights in arts and culture from around the world to come to Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/19/P2022101900368.htm>

Furthermore, Mr Lee said that solving the housing problem in Hong Kong tops the agenda of the current-term Government. To fast-track housing and land supply, the Chief Executive has decided to set the key housing and land strategies, including the

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introduction of Light Public Housing, boosting public housing production, and enhancing public-private partnership etc.

The Chief Executive also said that the HKSAR Government is determined to increase land supply to meet demand and build up land reserve. The Government would take a multi-pronged approach to cutting the time needed for land production.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/19/P2022101900400.htm>

Mr Lee also set out a four-pronged strategy for taking Hong Kong's I&T development to the next level.

The key areas include enhancing the city's I&T ecosystem, enlarging the pool of local and non-local I&T talents, developing Hong Kong into a smart city and proactively integrating into the overall development of the country.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/19/P2022101900374.htm>

In addition, in his inaugural Policy Address, Mr Lee said the HKSAR Government would duly address the people's aspirations for a better life by building a more harmonious and stable Hong Kong that better supports the elderly and the disadvantaged as well as creating a better living environment for all. Mr Lee set out his plans for a revamped healthcare system focused on prevention, as well as expanding the role of Chinese medicine.

To enhance Hong Kong's vibrancy, the Government will also map out a 10-year development blueprint for sports and recreation facilities, providing about 30 diversified facilities by phases.

Moreover, in order to build a liveable Hong Kong, the Government would strive to reduce the total carbon emissions by 50 per cent before 2035 (from the level of 2005) to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality before 2050.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/19/P2022101900404.htm>

For the full text and highlights of "The Chief Executive's 2022 Policy Address", please visit the link below:

<https://www.policyaddress.gov.hk/2022/en/index.html>

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Government suitably relaxes social distancing measures

The HKSAR Government announced on October 18 to suitably relax the social distancing measures by raising the maximum number of persons allowed in group gatherings in public places from four to 12 with effect from October 20.

The epidemic situation in Hong Kong has been stable so far since it subsided from the peak in early September. The Government has taken into account relevant data analysis and decided to suitably relax social distancing measures in the next 14-day cycle.

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

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/18/P2022101800596.htm>

HKSAR Government expresses strong disapproval of remarks by spokesperson for United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights about court case under National Security Law

The HKSAR Government on October 13 expressed strong disapproval of the recent remarks by a spokesperson for the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights about the Hong Kong court's reasons for sentence delivered on October 8 in regard to a case of conspiracy to incite the commission by other persons of the offence of subversion under the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the HKSAR (National Security Law).

The HKSAR Government spokesperson stressed that human rights and the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights are enshrined in the National Security Law, with an emphasis placed on the fact that principles of human rights protection must be observed when safeguarding national security.

He stressed that the National Security Law has achieved the intended effect, and has swiftly and effectively restored stability and security.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/13/P2022101300624.htm>

Earlier, the HKSAR Government on October 5 also expressed strong opposition to a misleading report by the United States Congressional-Executive Commission on China, in which comments in respect of the efforts of the HKSAR Government in safeguarding national security are totally biased.

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The HKSAR Government reaffirms that freedom of association in the HKSAR is guaranteed under the Basic Law. Efforts of the HKSAR Government to strengthen publicity and education, so as to enhance the understanding of national security and law-abiding awareness of various sectors of the community, is fully justified and necessary.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/05/P2022100500692.htm>

Hong Kong FinTech Week 2022 “Pushing Boundaries and Reaping Benefits” in financial services and beyond

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) on October 13 unveiled details of Hong Kong FinTech Week 2022 (HKFW), which will take place in person and virtually from October 31 to November 4. Themed “Pushing Boundaries, Reaping Benefits”, the seventh edition of the flagship event promises to lead the development of the industry and deliver fintech breakthroughs in different aspects of financial services and beyond.

This year’s conference will bring together global leaders and renowned sponsors across different verticals, alongside world-leading fintech innovations to explore the future development of fintech through four key themes - global fintech outlook, fintech in Mainland China and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the implementation of emerging technologies, and digital assets.

Organised by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and InvestHK, and co-organised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Insurance Authority, and the Securities and Futures Commission, HKFW is set to attract more than 20 000 attendees and over 3 million views online from over 80 economies. Besides, over 250 distinguished speakers, 400 sponsors and exhibitors, and more than 30 international delegations are expected to join, with the main physical conference to take place between October 31 and November 1.

Further information can be found at www.fintechweek.hk.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/13/P2022101100500.htm>

Award-winning Korean digital design and art tech company opens its first overseas outlet in Hong Kong

Renowned Korean digital design and immersive media technology company d’strict announced on October 12 that it is using Hong Kong as the regional base to expand its

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global reach. The opening of the ARTE M digital exhibition space and office in Hong Kong is the first step of d'strict's two-pronged strategy for entering the Chinese market.

ARTE M is aimed as a 15-month immersive media art exhibition space located in an iconic office building at Quarry Bay as a prelude to d'strict's ARTE MUSEUM in Hong Kong slated for opening between late 2023 and early 2024 in SKYCITY of Hong Kong International Airport. It is the first step for d'strict's ARTE MUSEUM global expansion.

Apart from exhibition operations, d'strict also offers various commercial services to corporate clients including customised media art content and licensing of intellectual property.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/12/P2022101200246.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 October 5, October 11 and October 19 respectively that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in the below areas in Canada, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong:

Province of Manitoba

Rural Municipality of Ste. Anne
Rural Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton
Rural Municipality of Cartier

Alberta Province

Smoky Lake County
Beaver County
Municipal District of Taber

Saskatchewan Province

Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404
Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502
Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189
Rural Municipality of Redburn No. 130

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Quebec Province

Les Jardins-de-Napierville Regional County Municipality

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/202210/05/P2022100500449.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/11/P2022101100452.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/19/P2022101900528.htm>

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 \(without full registration\)](#)

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

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