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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). 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

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 with Hong Kong-themed photo frames at the event. For details, please visit <https://cathayball.monsheong.org/>

“A New Era: Succeeding in Asia and Beyond through Hong Kong” Webinar

The Hong Kong Canada Business Association (Toronto), Hong Kong Trade Development Council (Canada) (HKTDC) and HKETO will jointly host the “A New Era: Succeeding in Asia and Beyond through Hong Kong” webinar on November 9 at 12 Noon to 1 pm (EDT). The webinar will provide updates and insights on business opportunities for Canadian companies in Asia via the Hong Kong platform in the new normal as well as the upcoming HKCBA strategic initiatives for them to leverage.

Participation in this webinar is free of charge for HKCBA members and prospective members. Advance reservation is required. Registration link:

https://form.hktdc.com/ui_registrationsite/Registration/RegistrationForm.aspx?FORMID=02636c0b-fd18-4371-9442-07f6aef2cecd&BYPASS=YES&LANGID=1&URLEVENTNAME=WebinarOS&URLFORMNAME=Enquiry&URLDATESCODE=00

2022 Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni (Ontario) Gala

The Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni (Ontario) (HKJU) will organise its annual gala dinner in Richmond Hill on November 12. Members are welcome to register and attend. Today is the registration deadline. The event is supported by HKETO. For details, please

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visit <https://www.alumni.hku.hk/hkuaaont/2022-hong-kong-joint-universities-alumni-ontario-banquet/>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO Director visits Calgary

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, visited Calgary from October 27 to 28 to strengthen Hong Kong's relations with the Province of Alberta and to promote Hong Kong as the ideal platform for Canadian companies to tap on the markets in Asia and beyond.

On October 27, Ms Mo held a lunch meeting with Vice President, Business Development of Fluid Energy Group Ltd. and a former Canadian diplomat, Mr Ron Hoffmann, to exchange views on strengthening trade relations between Alberta and Hong Kong. Ms Mo also had a meeting with the President and Chief Executive Officer of Calgary Chamber of Commerce, Ms Deborah Yedlin, on trades and business promotion between the two cities, particularly on the information and technology, clean technology, clean energy and healthcare sectors.

In the evening, Ms Mo attended the HKCBA (Calgary)'s networking reception entitled "A New Era: Succeeding in Asia and Beyond through Hong Kong" and delivered a speech. She updated the attendees that Hong Kong has been maintaining its status as the top international financial market and continued to be the freest economy in the world.

On October 28, Ms Mo paid a visit to a team of Hong Kong curlers at a pre-competition training session at the Glencoe Club. The team will compete in the Pan-Continental Curling Championships in Calgary from October 31 to November 6.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-visits-calgary.html>

HKETO supports Canadian hybrid mission to join the ASGH 2022

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the "Canadian Hybrid Mission to Asia Summit on Global Health (ASGH)" pre-mission networking meeting jointly organised by HKETO, HKTDC, Invest Hong Kong (Canada) and the HKCBA on October 26.

The meeting aimed to provide Canadian delegates with an overview of the ASGH programme, and how they can take advantage of this trade mission to exchange insights, explore opportunities and collaborate with stakeholders from around the world through the Hong Kong platform. Themed "Charting a New Course in Healthcare through

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Collaboration”, this second Asia Summit on Global Health will be staged in Hong Kong from November 10 to 11.

In delivering the opening remarks, Ms Mo shared with participants that Hong Kong has a vibrant ecosystem for start-ups, including those focusing on health-related areas. Hong Kong is now Asia’s largest and the world’s second-largest fundraising hub for biotech companies.

Ms Mo also highlighted that Hong Kong has a robust Intellectual Property protection regime and about one third of the patents filings from local and overseas applications are in the fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and media technology.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-canadian-hybrid-mission-to-join-the-asgh-2022.html>

HKETO Director presents Greater Bay Area Communion Award at 2022 MRVCBA Outstanding Women Awards Gala

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the 2022 Markham, Richmond Hill & Vaughan Chinese Business Association (MRVCBA) Outstanding Women Awards Gala on October 22 and presented the Canada/Greater Bay Area Communion Award.

Speaking at the opening of the Awards Gala, Ms Mo congratulated MRVCBA in their efforts to recognise the remarkable achievements of women entrepreneurs and their efforts to promote the economic and social development of the community. She shared with participants that Hong Kong has a female labour force participation rate and percentage of the public-funded university students are about and over 50% respectively. Over 35% of the managers, administrators and professionals are women.

Ms Mo highlighted that Hong Kong continues to be a place offering abundant business opportunities to women and men from all parts of the world, and she welcomed Canadian entrepreneurs to use the Hong Kong platform to expand and grow their businesses in Asia.

The Canada/Greater Bay Area Communion Award, sponsored by HKETO, was presented to Vice-President of C4P Inc, Ms Jenny Lo. C4P Inc. is a product development, sourcing and manufacturing company successfully connected Canada to the business development in the Greater Bay area.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-presents-greater-bay-area-communion-award-at-2022-mrvcba-outstanding-women-awards-gala.html>

HKETO Director visits Winnipeg for business promotion

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, paid a visit to Winnipeg on October 18 and 19 to promote to the business community in Manitoba that Hong Kong is an ideal business partner of Canadian companies to explore the Asia market and beyond.

On October 18, Ms Mo held a short meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration, Mr Jon Reyes, to brief him on the latest development of Hong Kong as well as to exchange views on how to strengthen the ties between Hong Kong and Manitoba. She also met with the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto, Mr Han Tao, and updated him on the work of HKETO and discussed with him on issues of mutual interests.

In the evening, Ms Mo attended and spoke at the gala dinner organised by the Manitoba Federation of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs. She updated the participants on the latest economic situation of Hong Kong, the advantages of doing business in Hong Kong, and Hong Kong's role as the ideal gateway to the Mainland of China, Asia and Indo-Pacific region. Ms Mo welcomed participants to visit and witness all the new developments in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

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

HONG KONG NEWS

HKMA kicks off Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit

The Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit hosted by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) officially began on November 1. The Summit welcomes over 200 international and regional leaders from around 120 global financial institutions including banks, securities firms, asset managers, private equity and venture capital firms, hedge funds, and insurers. More than 40 of these institutions are represented by their group chairmen or Chief Executive Officers.

Under the theme of "Navigating Beyond Uncertainty", Mainland financial regulators will share their policy perspectives, while participants will share experience and exchange

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ideas at the Summit, with a focus on the challenges and opportunities facing the global financial community.

The Summit will officially wrap up on November 3 with a programme of Conversations with Global Investors, co-hosted by the Hong Kong Academy of Finance.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/01/P2022110100494.htm>

Hong Kong FinTech Week 2022

The HKMA on October 31 co-organised the seventh edition of the city's flagship fintech event, Hong Kong FinTech Week 2022, with Invest Hong Kong. The event has gathered participants from all over the world to share insights, contribute innovative ideas and establish business connections.

In his opening keynote at the event, the Chief Executive of the HKMA, Mr Eddie Yue, shared his reflections on the city's fintech journey and the valuable experience gained.

The HKMA also announced at the event its new initiatives below to spur fintech development in Hong Kong:

- Mule account network analytics
- Green bond tokenisation
- AML Regtech Labs
- Central Bank Digital Currency
- Commercial Data Interchange
- Cross-boundary fintech co-operation
- Talent development
- Funding support

Mr Yue remarked that in this seventh edition of FinTech Week, a solid foundation has already been laid, and its initiatives have been budding. Now is the time for banks and fintechs in Hong Kong to reap the benefits.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/31/P2022103100218.htm>

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Government further suitably relaxes social distancing measures

Having taken into account the latest epidemic development and relevant factors, the HKSAR Government announced on October 27 that social distancing measures will be suitably relaxed further with effect from November 3.

Currently, the epidemic situation in Hong Kong remains stable. On the premise of containing the epidemic, the Government intends to allow more extensive daily activities with a higher number of participants so as to resume citizens' livelihood to normalcy in an orderly manner.

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

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/27/P2022102700682.htm>

Early Cretaceous rhyolitic columnar rock formation of Hong Kong Geopark selected as one of the First 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) of the HKSAR Government announced on October 22 that the Early Cretaceous rhyolitic columnar rock formation (hexagonal volcanic rock columns) located in Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark had been selected as one of the First 100 International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) Geological Heritage Sites.

A spokesman for the AFCD said that the Early Cretaceous rhyolitic columnar rock formation visible along the coast and on numerous islands in Sai Kung is named the High Island Formation. The formation comprises a great number of columns, which are large, well preserved and widely distributed, making it a globally rare and iconic geological wonder. The selection of the High Island Formation as one of the First 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites recognises its international importance.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202210/22/P2022102100651.htm>

Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Canada and US suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on October 24 and November 2 respectively that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in the below areas, 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.

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Province of Saskatchewan

Rural Municipality of Monet No. 257
Rural Municipality of Hoodoo No. 401

Province of Manitoba

Rural Municipality of De Salaberry

Province of Ontario

United Counties of Prescott and Russell

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/202210/24/P2022102400494.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/01/P2022110100504.htm>

Projecting Hong Kong's Soft Power with Arts and Culture

The Financial Times, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, has created a piece of branded content to showcase how Hong Kong's vibrant arts and culture community has thrived by leveraging on HK's unique advantages and embracing digital technologies and platforms.

Title: "Projecting Hong Kong's Soft Power with Arts and Culture"

Link: <https://www.ft.com/partnercontent/brandhongkong/projecting-hong-kongs-soft-power-with-arts-and-culture.html>

Other articles of the media partnership can also be found in the designated website below:

<https://www.ft.com/partnercontent/brandhongkong/hub.html>

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