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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) accepted walk-in guests with appointments. You may reach us via the following channels:

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The boarding requirements and nucleic acid testing arrangements for inbound persons (aged three years old or above on the date of arrival at Hong Kong) from overseas places or Taiwan for Hong Kong are as follows:

- Within 24 hours prior to boarding: 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;
- Day 0 (i.e. day of arrival at Hong Kong): Nucleic acid test under “test-and-go” upon arrival at the airport;
- Day 2: Nucleic acid test at a community testing centre/community testing station or an ac-hoc mobile specimen collection station, or arrange a self-paid test by professional swab sampling at a local medical testing institution recognised by the Government; and
- Day 1 to Day 7: Daily RATs. Can only leave the place of stay upon obtaining a negative result.

Boarding requirement of having completed vaccination for Hong Kong residents has been 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.

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/202211/17/P2022111700682.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>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO Director attends HKUAAO’s annual dinner

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the annual dinner organised by the Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario (HKUAAO) in Toronto on November 18.

Speaking at the dinner, Ms Mo updated participants on the latest development of Hong Kong and stressed on the financial stability of the city under the “one country, two systems” principle which has been a cornerstone of Hong Kong’s long-term prosperity and stability since the establishment of the HKSAR.

Ms Mo remarked that Hong Kong has been maintaining its status as the freest economy in the world, the largest offshore RMB hub, and world number one air cargo hub.

Ms Mo also introduced the recent major infrastructure projects in Hong Kong including the new airport runway, MTR route expansion, the West Kowloon Cultural District and other tourism offerings. She invited participants to visit Hong Kong to experience the commute convenience and the rich cultural atmosphere of the city.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-attends-hkuaaos-annual-dinner.html>

HKETO Director attends the MOU signing ceremony between the women networks of CanCham and HKCBA

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, virtually attended the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) held in Hong Kong between the Women’s Network (TWN) of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (CanCham) and the Women’s International Network (WIN) of the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (Toronto Section) (HKCBA) on November 27 (Toronto time).

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The MoU provides a collaborative framework to facilitate and regularise the engagement between WIN and TWN on shared interests.

In delivering the welcome remarks at the ceremony, Ms Mo noted that women entrepreneurs and professionals have become increasingly important in the world's economic development. Ms Mo also shared that Hong Kong is a place for women to shine. The female labour force participation rate and percentage of the public-funded university students are about and over 50 per cent respectively in the city.

The signing ceremony was joined by other speakers from the Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Invest Hong Kong. The MoU was signed by the Founder and Chair of TWN of CanCham, Ms Madeleine Behan and Chair of WIN of HKCBA, Ms Sonja Chong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-attends-the-mou-signing-ceremony-between-the-women-networks-of-cancham-hk-and-hkcba.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Government maintains existing social distancing measures

Having assessed the latest epidemic trend, the HKSAR Government announced on November 24 that the existing social distancing measures would be maintained until December 14.

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

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/24/P2022112400745.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on November 17 that the nucleic acid testing arrangements for persons arriving at Hong Kong from overseas places or Taiwan will be adjusted starting from November 21. Relevant persons will only be required to undergo nucleic acid tests on the day of arrival at Hong Kong (i.e. "test-and-go" at the airport) and on Day 2 after arrival at Hong Kong, as well as daily rapid antigen tests (RATs) after arrival until Day 7 after arrival at Hong Kong. The compulsory nucleic acid testing requirement on Day 4 and Day 6 after arrival at Hong Kong is lifted.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/17/P2022111700682.htm>

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CE attends APEC meetings in Thailand

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, attended the 29th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand on November 18 and 19. He exchanged views with the leaders of other economies on how to address barriers to trade and investment, promote resilient supply chains and closer people-to-people connectivity, as well as deepen economic and technical co-operation to enhance inclusive and sustainable growth.

At the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting Retreat, Mr Lee said that Hong Kong has formulated robust policy measures to respond to sustainability challenges. These included striving to slash Hong Kong's total carbon emissions by half of the 2005 level before 2035 with a pledge of carbon neutrality before 2050, as well as leveraging Hong Kong's international connectivity to facilitate matching between international capital and quality green projects.

Mr Lee also attended the APEC Leaders' Informal Dialogue with Guests. In his remarks, Mr Lee said that he was encouraged that ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) members welcomed Hong Kong's accession request to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and Hong Kong looked forward to contributing its unique strengths in trade and investment to strengthen RCEP's leadership role as the world's largest free trade agreement.

At the end of the meeting, Mr Lee and leaders of other APEC member economies endorsed the Bangkok Goals on Bio-Circular-Green Economy to advance inclusive and sustainable growth in the Asia-Pacific region. The APEC 2022 Economic Leaders' Declaration that represents APEC's commitment to strengthening co-operation in addressing the common challenges in the region was also issued.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/18/P2022111800671.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/19/P2022111900733.htm>

Hong Kong Maritime Week 2022

The opening ceremony of Hong Kong Maritime Week 2022 (HKMW 2022), a major annual event of the maritime and port industries in Hong Kong, was kicked off on November 21, bringing together industry leaders, government officials and scholars in both physical and online mode.

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The week-long HKMW 2022, organised by the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board, promotes to the globe Hong Kong as a preferred base for maritime business through a series of activities.

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, said in a pre-recorded speech at the opening ceremony, that the National 14th Five-Year Plan champions Hong Kong's status as an international shipping centre. That includes the development of high-value-added maritime services for better integration into the country's overall progress and, more specifically, Hong Kong's place in the development of a world-class port cluster.

The international Asian Logistics, Maritime and Aviation Conference comes with the theme "The Future of the Sustainable Supply Chain: Connectivity · Collaboration · Innovation". Some 40 more activities, organised by local, Mainland and international marine institutes in support of HKMW 2022, also took place seven days in a row. The themes range from building up the maritime talent pool, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development, education and careers, green shipping, maritime technology, ports and logistics, shipping and maritime to high-value-added services such as marine insurance, maritime law and arbitration, ship finance and ship management.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/21/P2022112100260.htm>

2022 Annual Survey of Companies in Hong Kong with Parent Companies Located outside Hong Kong

The number of business operations in Hong Kong with parent companies located outside Hong Kong was 8 978 in 2022, according to the results of a joint survey by Invest Hong Kong and the Census and Statistics Department of the HKSAR Government released on November 24.

In terms of source country/territory, Mainland China ranked the first with 2 114 companies, followed by Japan (1 388), the United States (1 258), the United Kingdom (655) and Singapore (463).

By sector, import/export trade, wholesale and retail topped the list (4 170), followed by financing and banking (1 683), and professional, business and education services (1 308).

In terms of jobs, the number of people engaged by overseas and Mainland companies in Hong Kong was about 468 000 in 2022.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/24/P2022112400237.htm>

Electronic Services for Visa Application Extended to all Visa Application Types

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSAR Government announced on November 29 that with immediate effect, electronic services for visa application have been extended to all visa application types including visas/entry permits for visits, employment, investment, training, residence and study.

Electronic Services for Visa Application allows applicants to complete the entire process of application submission, payment and collection of visa/entry permits through the ImmD mobile application, the ImmD's website or the GovHK website.

For further details, please visit www.immd.gov.hk/evisaonline.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/29/P2022112900211.htm>

In addition, the ImmD announced on November 25 that Hong Kong residents born in 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 or 2000 and holding the old form of smart identity card should bring along their identity cards and apply for new smart identity cards in person at a Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre on or before December 10.

The Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise covers all Hong Kong residents, whether they are permanent residents or non-permanent residents who are permitted to take up employment, make investment, reside or study in Hong Kong.

Eligible Hong Kong residents who cannot have their identity cards replaced during the specified call-up periods due to their absence from Hong Kong can apply within 30 days upon their return to Hong Kong.

For details of the Replacement Exercise, please visit the website www.smartid.gov.hk or call the ImmD's enquiry hotline at 2824 6111.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/25/P2022112500402.htm>

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Limited registration approved for non-locally trained doctors

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson on November 24 announced that confirmation has been received from the Medical Council of Hong Kong on the approval of two new applications of non-locally trained doctors for practice with limited registration in public hospitals to help relieve the frontline workload. The two doctors will be serving in cardiothoracic surgery and psychiatric departments.

The HA spokesperson said that the recruitment of non-locally trained doctors will continue. Currently, there are 47 non-locally trained doctors working in public hospitals under limited registration and two non-locally trained doctors working in public hospitals under special 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/202211/24/P2022112400304.htm>

In addition, 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 \(Child Assessment\)\)](#)

Media partnership to highlight Hong Kong's thriving financial ecosystem

CNBC, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, has created a piece of branded content to highlight Hong Kong's thriving financial ecosystem and talk about how innovation and technology are shaping the future of finance in new and surprising ways.

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Title: Succeeding in a New World - Hong Kong's future-proofed finance
Link: <https://www.cNBC.com/advertorial/hongkongs-future-proofed-finance/>

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