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SPECIAL NOTICE

The pre-departure testing arrangements for all inbound persons (aged three or above on the date of arrival at Hong Kong) are standardised. They are required to conduct a rapid antigen test (RAT) within 24 hours, or undergo a nucleic acid test within 48 hours, prior to the scheduled time of flight departure, and obtain a negative result for entering Hong Kong. Upon receiving the test results, relevant persons should keep the photos showing the test results or the test report for 90 days for presentation for checking on request by Government personnel. They may also voluntarily declare the test result via the [Department of Health's electronic health declaration form](#).

Inbound persons are advised to conduct daily RAT until Day 5 after their arrival at Hong Kong. Please click the following link for the latest testing arrangements:
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202212/28/P2022122800773.htm>

In addition, non-Hong Kong residents aged 12 or above are required to be fully vaccinated or have obtained a medical exemption certificate before they are allowed to board a flight for Hong Kong.

Please check the latest entry requirements before travelling to Hong Kong:
<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html#quarantinemeasures2>

The “COVID-19 Thematic Website” of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (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

Dragon Ball 2023

The Dragon Ball 2023 hosted by the Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on January 21. HKETO is honored to support the event which features a Hong Kong theme this year. The special offerings include a show by an internationally recognized champion magician Louis Yan from Hong Kong; a special photo exhibition of photos showcasing the stunning landscape of Canada by the Hong Kong young award-winning photographer Kelvin Yuen; the main photo booth displaying a “Hong Kong taxi” against a beautiful Hong Kong skyline; and various Hong

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Kong-style snacks curated by the chefs with Hong Kong background. For details and ticket purchase, please visit:

<https://www.yeehongdragonball.org/>

2023 HKCBA 39th Annual Lunar New Year Ball

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) (Toronto Section) will organize the 2023 HKCBA 39th Annual Lunar New Year Ball on January 28. Activities include traditional Chinese games, champagne and dim sum, lion dance, band performance, table draw prizes, silent auction, etc. For details and ticket purchase, please visit:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ic29rslaae398mmirda7q/2023-HKCBA-LNY-BALL-flyer-and-REGISTRATION-form.doc?dl=0&rkey=llp8nrdz5177xva3705aoe0yr>

HKCBA Lunar New Year Celebration Events

The Montreal and Calgary Sections of HKCBA will host the Lunar New Year Celebration Events respectively on February 9 and 10. Participants can enjoy a night of entertainment and traditional Chinese food at the events. Other activities include lucky draw, lion dance, live performances and silent auction etc. For details and ticket purchase, please visit:

<https://www.hkcba.com/events?date=2023-02-01&view=month>

HONG KONG NEWS

Progressive, orderly and comprehensive resumption of normal travel between Hong Kong and Mainland and resumption of Hong Kong-Macao ferry services

The HKSAR announced that the normal travel of persons between Hong Kong and the Mainland has been resumed in phases starting January 8 in an orderly manner.

The first-phase resumption covered travels through the Hong Kong International Airport (flights between Hong Kong and the Mainland), the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the Shenzhen Bay Control Point, the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal, the China Ferry Terminal, Man Kam To Control Point and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line/Futian Control Point.

The HKSAR Government has ensured transportation arrangements in place, and prescribed daily numbers of persons who can pass through certain boundary control points and required the persons concerned to make bookings online prior to travelling. Specifically, the HKSAR Government launched an online booking system via the GovHK portal (www.gov.hk) for Hong Kong residents and foreign visitors to Hong Kong to make bookings before they can travel to the Mainland via the following land boundary control points:

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- (a) Shenzhen Bay Control Point;
- (b) Man Kam To Control Point;
- (c) Lok Ma Chau Spur Line/Futian Control Point; and
- (d) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (Zhuhai) (applicable to drivers and passengers of private cars and cross-boundary hire car services only)

Also, persons travelling between Hong Kong and the Mainland will be required to undergo a nucleic acid test within 48 hours with a negative result obtained before travelling.

Separately, cross-boundary ferry services between Hong Kong and Macao has been resumed on January 8 to further foster cross-boundary people flow.

For details of the first-phase arrangements for resumption of normal travel, please visit the link below:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/05/P2023010500649.htm>

For details of the nucleic acid testing arrangement for persons entering the Mainland from Hong Kong, please visit the link below:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/06/P2023010600339.htm>

For details about the resumption of cross-boundary ferry services between Hong Kong and Macao, Please visit the link below:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/05/P2023010500642.htm>

“LeaveHomeSafe” system ceased operation

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) of the HKSAR Government on January 8 announced that following the relaxation of different anti-epidemic measures, the resumption of normal travel of Hong Kong and the Mainland, as well as the resumption of normalcy of public’s daily lives, the “LeaveHomeSafe” system has ceased operation and the app will not be further updated.

In addition, the OGCIO has completed the deletion of all visit records in the system previously uploaded from “LeaveHomeSafe” mobile app of confirmed cases.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/08/P2023010800303.htm>

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Hong Kong signs MOU with Pakistan on education co-operation

The Education Bureau of the HKSAR on January 5 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training of Pakistan to enhance education collaboration between the two places.

The MOU was signed by the Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, and the Consul-General of Pakistan in Hong Kong, Mr Bilal Ahmad Butt. The signing was witnessed by the visiting Pakistani Ambassador to China, Mr Moin ul Haque.

The MOU provides for a framework to facilitate strategic education collaboration between Hong Kong and Pakistan and covers mutually beneficial initiatives, including the exchange of expertise and experience; exchange of educational literature, teaching aids and demonstration materials; as well as exchanges of scholars, teachers, experts, students and other education personnel.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/05/P2023010500363.htm>

Article about Hong Kong's tech-powered future

Bloomberg, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR, has created a piece of branded content to talk about new incentives that help increase the number of start-ups in Hong Kong and explore how Hong Kong's role in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area would power its I&T development in the future.

Title: Hong Kong's tech-powered future

Link: <https://sponsored.bloomberg.com/immersive/brand-hong-kong/hksar-at-25-hong-kongs-tech-powered-future>

Interviewees:

- Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation
- Falcon Chan, Partner, Southern Region Strategy, Analytics and M&A Lead at Deloitte China
- Dr Miles Wen, founder and CEO of Fano Labs

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