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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. Inbound persons are advised to conduct daily RAT until Day 5 after their arrival at Hong Kong.

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>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **2023 HKCBA 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Lunar New Year Ball**

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) (Toronto Section) will organize the 2023 HKCBA 39<sup>th</sup> 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. Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) is a sponsor of the event, and will support a photography exhibition of Kelvin Yuen, an award-winning photographer from Hong Kong, to share his photos taken in Canada with the attendees.

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&rlkey=llp8nrdz5177xva3705aoe0yr>

## **ICT Webinar**

HKETO, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, HKCBA (Toronto Section) and Invest Hong Kong, with the support of the Government of Canada, will jointly organize the “Window of Opportunity in the ICT Sector in Hong Kong for Canadian Companies” webinar on February 7 at 11:30am to 12:30pm (EST). This webinar aims to provide

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updates to Canadian audience on the ICT sector in Hong Kong, and to invite these companies to join the Canadian ICT Partnering Mission to Hong Kong in April 2023.

Registrations are complimentary, but reservations are required.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/Feb7ICTWebinar>

### **HKCBA Lunar New Year Celebration Events**

The Calgary and Vancouver Sections of HKCBA will host the Lunar New Year Celebration Events respectively on February 10 and 16. 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>

### **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

#### **Toronto ETO and HKTB host joint Lunar New Year receptions in Toronto and Vancouver**

The HKETO and the Hong Kong Tourism Board (Canada) (HKTB) jointly held Lunar New Year receptions in Toronto and Vancouver on January 19 and January 24 respectively to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit.

In her welcoming remarks at the receptions, the Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, updated guests on the latest developments of Hong Kong emphasising that Hong Kong has been on the path of orderly and progressive reopening, and begun to resume normal travel with the Mainland.

On the economic front, Ms Mo remarked that with Hong Kong's institutional strengths and core competitiveness, and the continuing and wide-ranging support from the Mainland, Hong Kong's strengths as an international financial centre linking the Mainland and the rest of the world are primed to proliferate.

Ms Mo also highlighted that the HKSAR Government has launched new institutional setups and implemented an array of new initiatives to attract enterprises, investment and talents to enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness.

On Hong Kong-Canada relations, Ms Mo stressed on the further advancement of collaboration in business, investment and international trade between the two places.

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During the receptions, the Director for Canada, Central and South Americas of the HKTB, Mr Michael Lim, revealed the tourism marketing plans for Canada in 2023. There are big plans in the pipeline to welcome back travellers.

A highlight at both receptions was the special magic performances by renowned Hong Kong magician Louis Yan who is the first and only Hong Kong magician that has won magic competitions in both America and Europe. He has also broken two Guinness World Records in these few years.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-and-hktb-host-joint-lunar-new-year-reception.html>

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-and-hktb-host-joint-lunar-new-year-reception-2.html>

### **HKETO supports the Dragon Ball featuring various Hong Kong elements**

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the Dragon Ball 2023 hosted by Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation on January 21 to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit with over 1,000 guests from the business, community organisations and governments in Canada.

Speaking at the event, Ms Mo shared with participants the many Hong Kong elements at the Dragon Ball. They include a unique magic performance carrying tricks with Hong Kong elements by renowned Hong Kong magician Louis Yan, a “Hong Kong Taxi” against the city’s spectacular skyline as great photo-shooting spot, a photo exhibition showing the stunning landscape of Canada by a Hong Kong young photographer Kelvin Yuen, and the video performance by the young energetic performers of the Hong Kong Freestyle Kendama Association.

Besides, guests were treated with an array of Hong Kong-theme snacks which are part of Hong Kong culture and daily life.

Ms Mo noted that Hong Kong is back onto the world’s centre stage in 2023. Normal travel between the Mainland and Hong Kong resumed. Hong Kong welcomes all people for leisure or business travel.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-the-dragon-ball-featuring-various-hong-kong-elements.html>

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## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **CE delivers Lunar New Year message**

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, delivered the Lunar New Year message delivered on January 21. Translation of the message is as follows:

Lunar New Year is the most important festival on the Chinese calendar. This year, we can visit the flower markets, go out for new year shopping, reunite with family and friends and extend festive greetings to one another, enjoying the hustle and bustle of the Spring Festival and joining in the festive cheer.

This year welcomes the Year of the Rabbit. Adored by many, rabbits are agile and energetic. Rabbits are just like Hong Kong people, who are flexible and resilient, and constantly strive for improvement. The rabbit is, as well, a symbol of great vitality, so the Lunar New Year is seen as heralding a new start and new hope for Hong Kong. Our economy will continue to grow and our tourist attractions will be filled with visitors.

My wife and I wish all Hong Kong citizens a happy, healthy and blessed Year of the Rabbit!

(The message is available on the Chief Executive's website: [www.ceo.gov.hk/lny-message/23/en/](http://www.ceo.gov.hk/lny-message/23/en/))

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/21/P2023012000460.htm>

### **Government cancels arrangement of issuing isolation orders**

The HKSAR Government on January 19 said that, considering the balance between infection risks and resumption of economic and livelihood impetus, it decided to cancel the arrangement of issuing isolation orders to infected persons according to the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A).

Starting from January 30, all persons tested positive (including by nucleic acid and RATs) are not required to report and provide personal particulars via the online platforms of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/19/P2023011900678.htm>

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In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on January 20 that starting from January 26, mask-wearing would be exempted when:

- 1) delivering a speech to participants in a religious activity as a host or speaker in a religious premises;
- 2) consuming food or drink at a table or an exhibition booth during an exhibition activity in a place of public entertainment or event premises; and
- 3) toasting on stage at an event in catering premises or any scheduled premises.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/20/P2023012000657.htm>

### **Proof of nucleic acid test not required for young children aged three and below for entry into Mainland from Hong Kong**

The Government announced on January 18 that, upon communications with the relevant Mainland authorities, young children aged three and below will no longer be required to present proof of a negative result of a COVID-19 nucleic acid test conducted within 48 hours prior to their journey from Hong Kong to the Mainland starting from January 19.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/18/P2023011800635.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government on January 11 announced that, approval has been obtained from the Central Government to resume services of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) West Kowloon Control Point and the XRL Hong Kong Section starting from January 15.

The opening hours of the XRL West Kowloon Control Point will remain the same as that before service suspension from 6:30am to 11:30pm. There will be no booking requirement at this control point. As for the anti-epidemic measure, similar to other control points, generally persons entering the Mainland from Hong Kong, or vice versa, must possess a negative result of a COVID-19 nucleic acid test conducted within 48 hours.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/11/P2023011100678.htm>

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## **Asian Financial Forum assembles international heavyweights to examine issues on global finance, economy, trade and sustainability**

The 16th Asian Financial Forum (AFF) themed “Accelerating Transformation: Impact · Inclusion · Innovation”, co-organised by the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, opened on January 11.

The two-day premier financial and business forum, accessible both physically and virtually, assembles thousands of top businesspersons, senior officials and thought leaders from over 70 countries or regions to share their insights on issues related to global finance and economy, and explore co-operation opportunities.

Addressing the opening session of the AFF, the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee of the HKSAR, remarked that under the clear direction of the National 14th Five-Year Plan, Hong Kong is actively enhancing its strength as an international financial centre, including boosting its niche as a global offshore Renminbi hub, and an international asset and wealth management and risk management centre.

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, gave his welcome remarks at the keynote luncheon about the importance of global co-operation in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development endorsed by all United Nations member states. He stressed that Hong Kong’s status as an international financial centre and strengths in professional services can contribute to global environmental objectives.

The former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Ban Ki-moon, also presented an overview of sustainable development as well as his perspectives on coping with global challenges and promoting sustainable development with multilateral co-operation.

Among the highlights of the programme was the policy dialogue. Speakers included representatives from the Central Bank of Brazil, the European Securities and Markets Authority, the Bank of Japan, and the former Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/11/P2023011100662.htm>

## **FS attending World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos**

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, attended the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland from January 16 to 20.

The theme of the WEF Annual Meeting this year is “Cooperation in a Fragmented World”.

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Mr Chan said that many uncertainties still prevail for the global economic outlook. Faced with complicated situations and challenges, countries in the world should work together to promote more sustainable, resilient and inclusive global development, and to build a human community with a shared future.

During his attendance at the WEF Annual Meeting, Mr Chan spoke at a number of events and met with political, business and financial leaders joining the Annual Meeting, seeking to update them on the latest situation of Hong Kong's return to normalcy and its development opportunities; promote Hong Kong's strengths and core competitive advantages; and strengthen bilateral trade, investment and exchanges.

In concluding his visit to Davos, Mr Chan said that at the WEF Annual Meeting, the Hong Kong team had, through engaging delegates from all over the world and leaders from different sectors, actively explained Hong Kong's advantages and core competitiveness, and told the world that Hong Kong is back. Hong Kong, under the "one country, two systems" and with the firm support of the country, will play its role well as a financial, trading and shipping centre.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/13/P2023011300489.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/18/P2023011800126.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/19/P2023011900125.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202301/20/P2023012000196.htm>

### **The Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme 2023**

The Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme 2023 was launched on January 10, 2023. The primary objective of the Programme is to give Hong Kong students who wish to pursue a career in the Administrative Service an early opportunity to gain hands-on experience of working with serving Administrative Officers (AOs), so as to enrich their understanding of the roles and missions of an AO and facilitate their future career planning.

Applicants have to be undergoing full-time undergraduate or postgraduate studies at a local, mainland or overseas tertiary institution in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years. Applications have to be submitted by postal mail or email by February 28, 2023 (Hong Kong Time). The application form and information about the programme such as the selection criteria, are available at <http://www.csb.gov.hk/english/grade/ao/279.html> and the AO Recruitment website (<http://www.ao-recruitment.gov.hk/english/eindex.html>).

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### **Print advertorial in The Economist**

The Economist, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, has created an advertorial aiming to promote Hong Kong's unique advantages and opportunities arising from the National 14th Five-Year Plan and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development. It also features Hong Kong's international and regional linkage and initiatives, as well as Hong Kong's cosmopolitan character and cultural richness, which make it a great place to live and work.

Click the following link for details.

[https://www.brandhk.gov.hk/docs/default-source/media-stories-library/the-economist\\_hong-kong\\_back-on-the-world-stage.pdf](https://www.brandhk.gov.hk/docs/default-source/media-stories-library/the-economist_hong-kong_back-on-the-world-stage.pdf)

### **ICAC updates international communities on anti-corruption efforts**

The latest issue of the ICAC's electronic newsletter, ICAC Post #48, has been uploaded on the ICAC corporate website.

Highlights of this issue are:

- ICAC Chief resumes overseas duty visits to present Hong Kong's narrative
- ICAC plays host to international anti-graft training programme as Hong Kong returns to normalcy
- Partnering with young generations to promote integrity
- Enlisting support of legal professionals in the fight against corruption
- Integrity Management System: starting a new chapter on integrity in construction industry

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.icac.org.hk/icac/post/issue48/en/index.html>

### **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](mailto:appts_registry1@dh.gov.hk) and online application can be made through the Civil Service Bureau's website at



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<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 \(without full registration\)](#)

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