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SPECIAL NOTICE

The pre-departure testing requirement for inbound persons (aged three or above on the date of arrival at Hong Kong) from overseas places or Taiwan is in effect. 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 check the latest requirements by clicking the following link:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/03/P2023020300618.htm>

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>

HKETO JOB VACANCY

Administrative Assistant (Public Relations)

Applications are invited for the post of Administrative Assistant (Public Relations) at the HKETO. The suitable applicant should be a high school graduate with at least 3 years of experience relevant to the post; or a post-secondary diploma / degree holder with at least 1 year of similar experience. The applicant must be fluent in written and spoken English and Chinese (Cantonese), have good interpersonal and communication skills, and possess good general knowledge about Hong Kong and Canada. A pleasant telephone manner and proficiency in MS Office and image editing applications are essential. Knowledge of other languages (e.g. Putonghua) would be an advantage. The applicant must be eligible to take up employment in Canada without arrangement of work visa by HKETO.

The successful applicant will be appointed on a one-year contract initially. Contract gratuity will be granted upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Applications should

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be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to info@hketotoronto.gov.hk on or before February 24, 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 9th Annual Transpacific Entrepreneurial Conference

[The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong](#) and [Hong Kong-Canada Business Association](#) (HKCBA) will co-organise the 9th Annual Transpacific Entrepreneurial Conference themed “Connecting and Expanding Business Footprints” on March 1 & 2.

Through a mix of online and in-person events, participants can connect with each other across the Pacific to network, explore possibilities and to do business. This conference will discuss the latest opportunities for companies looking to expand into Canada, Hong Kong and Greater China as well as the impact and possibilities the Greater Bay Area Initiatives would bring to Hong Kong.

For registration, please visit:

<https://www.cancham.org/9th-transpacific-entrepreneurial-conference/>

Webinar on Funding and Business Opportunities in Hong Kong for Canadian Health Care, Biotech and Life Science Companies

Companies in health care, biotech and life sciences are invited to learn about the opportunities in funding, procurement, partnerships and clinical trials that Hong Kong offers at the webinar on Funding and Business Opportunities in Hong Kong for Canadian Health Care, Biotech and Life Science Companies to be held at 6pm, March 2. Speakers are from HKETO, Invest Hong Kong, Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Calgary Economic Development.

Registration is free at <https://lnkd.in/drFbmfJ2>

Each registered attendee will receive a complimentary virtual pass to attend the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong's 9th Transpacific Entrepreneurial Conference (March 1 & 2) as mentioned above.

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO Director promotes Hong Kong as a favourable shooting location

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the “Film and Television Producers Networking Event” hosted by the Hong Kong Tourism Board (Canada) in Toronto on February 8 to introduce the new attractions in Hong Kong to film industry professionals in Canada and the US, and to facilitate their shooting plans to Hong Kong.

In delivering welcome remarks, Ms Mo stressed that Hong Kong has a vibrant film industry. It is a cosmopolitan city full of excitement, contrasts and creativity. She also highlight that being a leading film-making centre, Hong Kong has one of the most tax-friendly system in the world.

Ms Mo encouraged participating Canadian filmmakers to leverage on Hong Kong’s unique advantages and enjoy the new offerings in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-joins-hong-kong-film-production-event-to-promote-hong-kong-as-a-favourable-shooting-location.html>

HKETO Director visits Calgary for business promotion

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, visited Calgary from February 10 to 11 to promote Hong Kong as an ideal business partner of Canadian companies to explore the Asia market and beyond.

Speaking at the HKCBA Calgary Section’s Chinese New Year Gala on February 10, Ms Mo updated attendees the latest development of Hong Kong. She also pointed out the unique advantages of doing business in Hong Kong. The National 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong's development in eight sectors.

Ms Mo highlighted that the HKSAR Government has recently announced a raft of initiatives to attract talent and strategic businesses to Hong Kong. A Dedicated Team for Attracting Businesses and Talents has also been set up under HKETO to proactively reach out to target enterprises and talents, particularly those from the industries of life and health technology, artificial intelligence and data science, financial technology, advanced manufacturing and new-energy technology.

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Ms Mo also introduced the "Hello Hong Kong" Campaign which unveiled a series of promotional activities in Hong Kong. She welcomed attendees to plan their next travel trip with a stop to Hong Kong.

In the afternoon of the same day, Ms Mo hosted a university students' reception to gather with the HKCBA Calgary Scholarship winners and students from the participating universities. She told the students that Hong Kong is a place full of opportunities and the HKSAR Government has introduced various measures to attract and facilitate talents from all over the world to work and live in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-visits-calgary-for-business-promotion-3.html>

HKETO Director visits Vancouver for business promotion

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, visited Vancouver from February 16 to 17 to strengthen Hong Kong's business relationship with the city.

Speaking at the HKCBA Vancouver Section's Chinese New Year Gala on February 16, Ms Mo outlined Hong Kong's competitive edge that the Canadian business sector can make use of. She expressed confidence that the economic and trade relations between Hong Kong and Canada would become closer. She encouraged the Canadian businesses to make the best use of the Hong Kong platform to tap into the Mainland and Asian markets.

Besides, Ms Mo highlighted the announcement by the HKSAR Government on the initiatives to attract talent and strategic businesses to Hong Kong. Other than the Dedicated Team for Attracting Businesses and Talents set up under HKETO, a "Hong Kong-Canada Talent Metaverse" will be launched for Hong Kong companies with Canadian connection to post job or internship openings to attract students in Canada to work in Hong Kong.

Ms Mo introduced the recently launched "Hello Hong Kong" Campaign and encouraged attendees to travel to Hong Kong.

During the visit, Ms Mo also attended meetings with the management representatives of the Chinese Federation of Commerce Canada and SUCCESS Foundation to exchange on the strengthening of Hong Kong-Vancouver trade relations.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-visits-vancouver-for-business-promotion-2.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

FS unveils 2023-24 Budget

Unveiling his 2023-24 Budget on February 22, the Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, said the Government would sustain the impetus to economic recovery in moving towards high-quality development.

The Financial Secretary said he expects Hong Kong's economic performance to pick up this year. He forecast economic growth of 3.5 to 5.5 per cent for 2023 as a whole. The underlying inflation rate and the headline inflation rate are expected to rise to 2.5 per cent and 2.9 per cent respectively this year.

Mr Chan said with the exception of a forecast deficit in 2023-24, he expected the Consolidated Account to turn to a surplus in the coming four years and the Capital Account to turn to a surplus in 2027-28.

The Financial Secretary also said the Government would introduce a new Capital Investment Entrant Scheme to further enrich the talent pool and attract more new capital to Hong Kong.

To promote high-quality development of Hong Kong, Mr Chan said the Government would strive to develop Hong Kong into an international green technology and financial centre. He proposed setting up a Green Technology and Finance Development Committee, inviting industry representatives to assist in the formulation of an action agenda for promoting the development of Hong Kong into an international green technology and finance centre.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/22/P2023022200361.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/22/P2023022200381.htm>

In addition, the Budget strives to support individuals and businesses and strengthen the economy's recovery, including launching various measures to ease the burden on individuals and enterprises, and disbursing electronic consumption vouchers again this year.

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Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/22/P2023022200374.htm>

In term of tax measures, Mr Chan proposed a one-off reduction of profits tax, salaries tax and tax under personal assessment for the year of assessment 2022/23 by 100 per cent, subject to a ceiling of HK\$6,000 per case. This measure will cost the Government HK\$9.2 billion, benefitting 1.9 million taxpayers liable to salaries tax and tax under personal assessment and 134 000 businesses.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/22/P2023022200776.htm>

For full version of the Budget Speech, please visit: <https://www.budget.gov.hk/2023/eng/>

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, said that the Budget reflects the vision of his team and him for Hong Kong to embark on a new chapter of development and progress together, and takes forward the initiatives set out in his Policy Address last year. He also welcomed the Budget's stimulus initiatives targeting major economic sectors that will spur the revival, expand the capacity for growth and set a positive course for Hong Kong's sustained growth.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/22/P2023022200233.htm>

UK award-winning digital advertising company LoopMe sets up regional office in Hong Kong

Award-winning technology company LoopMe that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to improve brand advertising performance announced on February 15 the opening of a regional office in Hong Kong as part of its North Asia-Pacific expansion and Greater China strategies.

LoopMe offers outcomes-based digital advertising solutions to brands and agencies with its patented AI-technology PurchaseLoop and AI-powered Intelligent Marketplace. The company specialises in using AI to improve brand advertising performance and outcomes, offering real-time consumer sentiment to build audiences.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/15/P2023021400468.htm>

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HKSAR search and rescue team returns from Türkiye to Hong Kong

The HKSAR Government deployed a search and rescue team on February 8 to the quake-stricken areas in Türkiye to assist in the search and rescue work. Team members successfully rescued four survivors during the days of operation, and returned to Hong Kong on February 17 after completing its mission.

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, expressed his gratitude to every member of the team for their commitment and praised them for their valiant efforts to save lives, which amply demonstrated the outstanding abilities of the civil servants and also the spirit of mutual support without boundary.

Click the following links for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/18/P2023021700579.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/12/P2023021200011.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/13/P2023021300623.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 February 20 that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of the highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Le Haut-Saint-Laurent Regional County Municipality and Beauharnois-Salaberry Regional County Municipality of Quebec Province in Canada, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the above-mentioned areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 90 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Canada last year.

Click the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/20/P2023022000439.htm>

Article of “the gateway to opportunities in China and beyond”

Gulf News, a leading English speaking newspaper in the Middle East, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, has created a piece of branded content on how Hong Kong is primed to play a central role for businesses in the UAE looking to explore opportunities in the Greater Bay Area and China.

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Title: Hong Kong: The gateway to opportunities in China and beyond

Link:

<https://gulfnews.com/gn-focus/hong-kong-the-gateway-to-opportunities-in-china-and-beyond-1.1675924292828>

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>).

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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