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

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 <a href="https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk">HKETO website</a> or the link: <a href="https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk">https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk</a>

#### **HKETO JOB VACANCY**

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Applications are invited for the post of Administrative Assistant 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 or 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 database management and MS Office 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 April 13, 2023.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Webinar on healthcare sector opportunities in Hong Kong and beyond

HKETO, Invest Hong Kong, HKCBA (Ottawa Section), Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Government of Canada will co-organize a webinar entitled "Healthcare Sector Opportunities in Hong Kong and beyond for Canadian Companies" on March 23, 1:30pm (EDT). Hong Kong was Asia Pacific's largest IPO centre for biotech companies and the second largest in the world after the US. Canadian companies in the healthcare industry, including healthcare equipment manufacturers and exporters, are invited to attend this free webinar.

For registration, please visit https://bit.ly/mar23healthcarewebinar.

### 2023 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala

The 26th ACCE Award Gala will be hosted by the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) on April 15. The ACCE Awards provide a platform to recognize Chinese Canadians who have started their business and made contribution to Canada. The event also serves to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation and corporate citizenship. HKETO is the sponsor of ACCE's Best Asia Pacific Business Award which acknowledges the accomplishments of the Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs who have developed their businesses successfully in the Asia Pacific region through Hong Kong.

https://www.acce.ca/new/2023-acce-chinese-canadian-For visit: details. please entrepreneur-awards/

#### RECENT ACTIVITY

## HKETO Director encourages young Canadian talents to grasp enormous opportunities in Hong Kong

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the 2023 iPitch Competition "Venture into Asia" hosted by the Junior Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (McGill Chapter) on March 10, where participating university students competed in teams on business related topics.

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Addressing the event virtually, Ms Mo gave participants an overview of Hong Kong's latest developments, especially the HKSAR Government's latest initiatives to attract businesses and young talents to explore opportunities in the city. She encouraged young Canadian talents to grasp the enormous opportunities and make use of Hong Kong as a springboard to enter the fastest growing market in the East.

In addition, the Dedicated Team for Attracting Business and Talents in HKETO is also working full steam to attract and support Canadian enterprises and talents arriving in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details.

https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-encourages-young-canadian-talents-to-grasp-enormous-opportunities-in-hong-kong.html

#### HONG KONG NEWS

## Government announces details of 2023 Consumption Voucher Scheme

The HKSAR Government announced on March 10 the arrangement for 2023 Consumption Voucher Scheme (CVS). People who have successfully registered for CVS last year will receive the first instalment of voucher directly through their registered stored value facility accounts in April without the need to go through any registration or other procedures. Nevertheless, if the relevant account has become invalid or the relevant Octopus card has been lost/returned, they need to update their account information through designated channels.

Each eligible Hong Kong permanent resident and new arrival aged 18 or above will receive a total value of HK\$5,000 in two instalments. The vouchers can be used at local retail, catering and service outlets or their online platforms. However, the vouchers cannot be used for payments to the Government, public utilities, person to person payments and encashment, etc. People can visit the CVS website (<a href="www.consumptionvoucher.gov.hk">www.consumptionvoucher.gov.hk</a>) for the relevant information.

Click the following link for details.

https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/10/P2023031000732.htm

## CE warmly congratulates victorious conclusion of "two sessions"

The first session of the 14th National People's Congress concluded on March 13, with all agenda items successfully completed and key officials of state institutions endorsed. On behalf of the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong people, the Chief Executive, Mr

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John Lee, extended his warmest congratulations to President Xi Jinping on his unanimous election as the President of the PRC and Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the PRC. Mr Lee also congratulated all elected and endorsed national leaders, and commended their profound knowledge, rich experience and visionary leadership with a people-oriented approach.

Addressing the closing meeting, President Xi said that the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and Macao is part and parcel of the building of a strong China, and that the HKSARG Government must fully, faithfully and resolutely uphold the principle of "one country, two systems", "Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong", "Macao people administering Macao" and a high degree of autonomy; remain committed to governing Hong Kong and Macao in accordance with the law; and support the Special Administrative Regions in developing the economy, improving people's livelihood, and better integrating into national development.

Click the following link for details.

https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/13/P2023031300393.htm

# Government and large corporates jointly launch new round of Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas

The HKSAR Government on March 13 announced the launch of the Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas 2023 in collaboration with 24 corporations.

The scheme provides young people of Hong Kong with more than 320 internship placements in different Mainland provinces and cities as well as overseas countries. The placements cover a wider range of industries, such as financial services, innovation and technology, logistics, property development, retail, hospitality and public utilities. Interested young people should submit their applications through the platform on the scheme's dedicated webpage (www.ydc.gov.hk/scsi/en) on or before March 28.

In his 2022 Policy Address, the Chief Executive stated that the HKSAR Government will work with all sectors of the community on promoting a variety of activities to help young people broaden their horizons and acquire a better understanding of the development of the country and the world.

Click the following link for details.

https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/13/P2023031300434.htm

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## "M" Mark status awarded to World City Championship and Hong Kong Sevens

Major Sports Events Committee of the HKSAR Government has awarded "M" Mark status to two major sports events that will be held in March this year, namely the World City Championship presented by the Hong Kong Golf Club (March 23 to 26) and the Cathay/HSBC Hong Kong Sevens (March 31 to April 2).

The "M" Mark events showcase Hong Kong's capability to host world-class events and enhance Hong Kong's position as a centre for major international sports events. These events will not only give an opportunity for local athletes to compete on home ground, but also allow Hong Kong audiences to enjoy high-level competitions and cultivate a sporting culture in the community.

Click the following link for details. https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/21/P2023032100227.htm

## 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)).

Click here to read the details of Contract Doctor (without full registration)

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