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SPECIAL NOTICE

All pre-departure and post-arrival quarantine and testing requirements for inbound persons from overseas places to Hong Kong have been removed. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government recommends that all inbound persons continue to conduct daily rapid antigen tests (RATs) using self-arranged RAT kits during the period between the day of arrival (i.e. Day 0) and Day 5 after arrival at Hong Kong.

For details of the latest arrangements, please click the following link:
<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html#Vaccination>

HKETO JOB VACANCY

Administrative Assistant

Applications are invited for the post of Administrative Assistant at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (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 be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to info@hketotoronto.gov.hk on or before April 13, 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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acknowledges the accomplishments of the Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs who have developed their businesses successfully in the Asia Pacific region through Hong Kong.

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

RECENT ACTIVITY

HKETO Director joins webinar to promote healthcare sector opportunities in Hong Kong

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the webinar on “Healthcare Sector Opportunities in Hong Kong and beyond for Canadian Companies” co-hosted by the HKETO, Hong Kong Trade Development Council (Toronto), Invest Hong Kong (Canada) (InvestHK) and the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (Ottawa Section) on March 23 to update Canadian companies on the latest developments and trends in the biotechnology, medical and healthcare industry in Hong Kong.

Ms Mo said in her opening remarks that Hong Kong has become the world’s second-largest funding hub and Asia’s largest hub for biotechnology, adding that this trend would continue in the foreseeable future. She stressed that Hong Kong’s high degree of connectivity, dedication in research and development for health innovation and strength in fund raising supported healthcare businesses from around the world to achieve excellence.

In terms of talent attraction, Ms Mo said that Hong Kong, being a vibrant city offering life style enjoyed by many Canadians, presented different career opportunities for talents in the healthcare sector.

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-joins-webinar-to-promote-healthcare-sector-opportunities-in-hong-kong.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Hong Kong maintains fourth place in Global Financial Centres Index

Hong Kong maintained fourth place globally in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI) 33 Report published on March 23 by the Z/Yen from the United Kingdom and the China Development Institute from Shenzhen.

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A Government spokesman of the HKSAR said that Hong Kong’s rankings in the four areas of business environment, infrastructure, financial sector development, and reputational and general rose by two places as compared with the previous issue, fully reflecting Hong Kong’s strengths and advantages as a leading global financial centre. The Government will continue to make good use of Hong Kong’s institutional advantages under “one country, two systems”.

In addition, the 14th Five-Year Plan confirms the important functions and positioning of Hong Kong in the overall development of the country. Hong Kong will continue to consolidate its status as an international financial centre and give full play to connecting markets and investors of the Mainland and overseas, serving the country’s needs with the city’s strengths.

The GFCI Report is released in March and September every year since 2007. In GFCI 33, 120 financial centres were assessed and Hong Kong ranked fourth globally with an overall rating of 722.

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/23/P2023032300621.htm>

Government issues Policy Statement on Developing Family Office Businesses in Hong Kong

The HKSAR Government on March 24 issued the Policy Statement on Developing Family Office Businesses in Hong Kong (Policy Statement). It sets out the Government’s policy stance and measures on developing a vibrant ecosystem for global family offices and asset owners.

The following policy measures were announced with a view to creating a conducive and competitive environment for the businesses of global family offices and asset owners to thrive in Hong Kong.

1. A new Capital Investment Entrant Scheme
2. Offering tax concessions
3. Market facilitation measures
4. The Hong Kong Academy for Wealth Legacy
5. Art storage facilities at the airport
6. Hong Kong as a philanthropic centre
7. The dedicated FamilyOfficeHK team in InvestHK
8. A new Network of Family Office Service Providers

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The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, said that the Policy Statement demonstrates the government’s determination to develop Hong Kong into a leading global family office hub. Developing family office business will be conducive to pool capital from around the world in Hong Kong, bolster the financial market as well as asset and wealth management industry. It will also promote the sustainable development of Hong Kong’s financial and professional services, innovation and technology, green, arts and culture and philanthropy, creating strong impetus for Hong Kong’s growth.

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/24/P2023032300717.htm>

Wealth for Good in Hong Kong Summit demonstrates city status as world-leading family office hub

Organised by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and InvestHK, the Wealth for Good in Hong Kong Summit (WGHK) held on March 24 attracted some of the most influential family offices around the world, which further showcases Hong Kong’s appeal as a world-leading international asset and wealth management hub and its long-term future.

The summit took place at the Hong Kong Palace Museum and gathered a world-class cast of leading figures from the global investment, technology, art, sustainability and philanthropy worlds, to discuss the most pressing issues facing family offices.

The “Wealth for Good” theme captured two critical priorities faced by family offices: wealth preservation and sustaining long-term growth, coupled with the need to positively impact society and communities. Featured summit panel discussions were Family Office Sharing, Wealth for Tech, Wealth for Philanthropy, Wealth for Green and Wealth for Art.

The WGHK speakers also observed the significant and diverse investment opportunities available to family offices in Hong Kong as it sits at an ideal pan-Asian location and continues to cement its status as Asia’s world city.

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/24/P2023032400288.htm>

HKMA and BIS co-host international financial regulatory conference

An international financial regulatory conference themed “Future-proof Supervision for an Innovative Banking World” jointly co-organised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority

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(HKMA) and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) was successfully concluded on March 24 in Hong Kong. The conference brought together over 100 senior officials of central banks and regulatory authorities as well as top executives of financial institutions from more than 25 economies.

The conference was kicked off by a keynote speech delivered by the Governor of the Bank of Spain and the Chair of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, Mr Pablo Hernández de Cos, on how macro-prudential tools can complement micro-prudential supervision to strengthen financial stability in an ever-changing financial world.

Other distinguished speakers of the conference also shared their valuable insights on how to enhance the resilience of the banking system, and better prepare for the future in light of the opportunities and challenges brought about by crypto assets, from the perspectives of both financial regulators and market players.

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/24/P2023032400590.htm>

World-renowned museum and institution representatives share experiences at Museum Summit 2023

In association with the Gallerie degli Uffizi in Italy, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the HKSAR Government kicked off the Museum Summit 2023 themed “Between” at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on March 24.

In his opening remarks, the Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, said that this year’s Summit had achieved a record-breaking enrolment figure of about 2 000 participants. The Summit marked a fresh beginning for practitioners in the museum and heritage sectors in Hong Kong and around the world to establish, renew and deepen partnerships.

The Museum Summit is an international mega event of the museum sector bringing together 35 leading figures and professionals from world-renowned museums and institutions in 16 countries to exchange and share their professional experiences, research findings and innovative concepts.

There are four thematic sessions in the Museum Summit 2023, namely Between Worlds, Between Times, Between Peoples, and Between Spaces. A live broadcast has been arranged for the Summit, which had attracted over six million views online.

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Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/24/P2023032400652.htm>

Immigration Department adjusts submission means for applications under four talent admission schemes

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSAR Government announced that with effect from April 2, the submission means for visa/entry permit and extension of stay applications under four talent admission schemes, including the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, the Technology Talent Admission Scheme, the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates, and the Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents have been adjusted.

Applicants must submit relevant applications by electronic services and the ImmD will no longer accept applications submitted in person, or by post or drop-in-box. Eligibility and approval criteria for the relevant schemes remain unchanged.

For details, please visit www.immd.gov.hk/eng/index.html or the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/en/nonresidents/).

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/30/P2023033000633.htm>

Immigration Department introduces 1868 WhatsApp assistance hotline for residents outside Hong Kong to seek assistance

The ImmD announced on April 3 the introduction of the 1868 WhatsApp assistance hotline for Hong Kong residents in distress or in need of assistance outside Hong Kong to contact the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU) of the ImmD to seek assistance via the WhatsApp messaging application, in addition to the AHU's 1868 hotline and the Online Assistance Request Form.

The 1868 WhatsApp assistance hotline aims at providing assistance to Hong Kong residents requiring assistance outside Hong Kong and is not applicable for general enquiries. For other immigration enquiries, please call the general enquiry hotline at (852) 2824 6111 or email to enquiry@immd.gov.hk.

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202304/03/P2023040300295.htm>

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Applications for Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law and National Security Law Test open

A new round of Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) and the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) opened for application from March 31. Prospective applicants for civil service posts at the degree or professional level are welcome to apply before the deadline of 5pm on April 13 (Hong Kong time).

Applicants should note that different civil service posts have different Chinese and English language proficiency requirements. All applicants are required to obtain a pass result in the BLNST for all civil service recruitment exercises, regardless of whether they have taken any Basic Law Test centrally or individual bureaux/departments in previous recruitment exercises.

This round of CRE and BLNST is tentatively scheduled to be held on June 3 (or within June) in Hong Kong. Please visit the Civil Service Bureau's webpage (www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html) for further details.

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/30/P2023033000343.htm>

Hong Kong's world-class transport infrastructure

Bloomberg, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, has created a piece of branded content on Hong Kong's world-class transport infrastructure and how Hong Kong leverages on innovation and technology to enhance its connectivity and become a smarter and more sustainable city for business and living.

Title: Connectivity driving Hong Kong's fortunes

Link:

<https://sponsored.bloomberg.com/immersive/brand-hong-kong/hksar-connectivity-driving-hong-kong-s-fortunes>

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