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UPCOMING EVENTS

HKCBA Fireside Chat on Innovation and Technology

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA)(Toronto Chapter), Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) Toronto Office, Invest Hong Kong (Canada) (InvestHK), will co-organise the HKCBA Fireside Chat on Innovation and Technology on May 3.

Professor Frank Yam, a graduate of the University of Waterloo, has had an illustrious career and business development in Hong Kong and the region. As a model for those young Canadians aspiring to go east, he will share his experience and insights in the opportunities presented by Hong Kong to the Canadian I&T sector. He will be joined by Raj Dewan, Board Director of HKCBA (Toronto) and Partner of McMillan LLP, as well as Christopher Chen, Head of InvestHK at the fireside chat. Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM (EDT)

Location: HKCBA Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 9 Temperance Street, Toronto, Canada

Admission is free, but RSVP is required. For details and registration, please contact Andrew Yui of HKTDC Toronto Office at andrew.yui@hktdc.org.

Hong Kong-Markham Tech Exchange 2023

HKETO, InvestHK, the City of Markham and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, will jointly organise the 2nd “Hong Kong-Markham Tech Exchange” on May 10. This hybrid event aims to bring together innovative companies and forward-looking entrepreneurs to share insights on the emerging technological developments in the green battery energy sector and the successful global expansion strategies between Hong Kong and City of Markham. Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Time: 8:00-11:30 AM (EDT) (in-person) or 8:30-10:15 AM (EDT) (Virtual)

Location: YSpace, Markham ON (in-person)

Admission is free, but RSVP is required. For details, please visit:

<https://hongkongmarkham2023.blogspot.com/>

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Hong Kong Business Connections Reception 2023

HKETO, the Burnaby Board of Trade, InvestHK and HKTDC will jointly host the Hong Kong Business Connections Reception in Burnaby on Wednesday May 17 at 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PDT). It is the Burnaby Board of Trade's Pacific Gateway event series for opportunities to address relevant topics, and facilitate connections amongst the diverse business community. For registration, please visit:

<http://burnabyboardoftrade.chambermaster.com/events/details/2023-hong-kong-business-connections-reception-3557>

RECENT ACTIVITY

HKETO Director presents Best Asia Pacific Business Award at 2023 ACCE Awards Gala

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the 2023 Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) Awards Gala on April 15 and presented the Best Asia Pacific Business Award.

Speaking at the opening of the Awards Gala, Ms Mo remarked that Hong Kong has a role in the international environment changes which present new opportunities in the ASEAN and the Gulf region. Ms Mo said that Hong Kong under the "one country, two systems" is the only place in the world where the global advantages from the West and the East come together in a single city. Hong Kong will continue to play its role to facilitate global business collaboration.

Ms Mo also said that Hong Kong is enhancing its role as a world-class fund-raising platform. With the launch of different "Connect Schemes" between mainland China and Hong Kong, Hong Kong has much to offer for the financial co-operation between Canada, Indo-Pacific and well beyond.

In addition, Canada and Hong Kong have the common goal to develop green economy. Hong Kong is Asia's first in green financing. Ms Mo encouraged Canadian companies thriving in this area may look for funding and scale-up opportunities in Hong Kong. With the opening of borders, Ms Mo looked forward to facilitating an ACCE delegation to visit Hong Kong to experience the city's business vibrancy.

HKETO has been sponsoring the Best Asia Pacific Business Award since its inception. The 2023 ACCE's Best Asia Pacific Business Award was given to the Founder and Business Development Director of the Hong Kong-based company Fuwa Fuwa Pancakes, Mr Benson Lau.

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Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-presents-best-asia-pacific-business-award-at-2023-acce-awards-gala.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Digital Economy Summit to lead smart future

The two-day Digital Economy Summit (DES) 2023 opened on April 13 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Themed “Emerging with Resilience: Fostering a Smarter Future”, the Summit gathered over 100 renowned technology visionaries, industry pioneers, business leaders and government officials from home and abroad to present and exchange insights on various topics on I&T. There was a record-breaking attendance of more than 4 800 people from around 40 countries/regions.

The Summit featured an action-packed programme with eight thematic forums and symposium, examining a wide array of trending I&T topics, including the integration of traditional and new economies, smart city, digital government, fintech, Web3, new industrialisation, as well as smart mobility.

The DES was jointly organised by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and the Hong Kong Cyberport, with the China Internet Development Foundation as the supporting organisation.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202304/13/P2023041300226.htm>

First Feature Film Initiative-funded and Film Production Financing Scheme-funded projects wins Hong Kong Film Awards

The Chairman of the Hong Kong Film Development Council, Dr Wilfred Wong, on April 17 congratulated Film Development Fund-funded films “Lost Love” and “The Sparring Partner” on winning Best Actress Award, Best Film Editing Award, Best Original Film Song Award and Best New Director Award at the 41st Hong Kong Film Awards.

Under the First Feature Film Initiative and Film Production Financing Scheme, the Film Development Fund has supported many local film productions. Apart from increasing the quantity of local films, it has also nurtured many new directors. A total of six films under the two schemes have received 27 nominations in 17 categories in the 41st Hong Kong Film Awards.

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Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202304/17/P2023041700233.htm>

SCST congratulates women's ice hockey team on winning champion

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, Mr Kevin Yeung, on April 10 congratulated the Hong Kong women's ice hockey team on winning the champion in Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division III – Group A event, which is the first time ever in Hong Kong's history.

The HKSAR Government has been supporting Hong Kong sports development with different measures over the years, with an aim to boost elite sports, promote sports in the community and maintain Hong Kong as a hub for major international sports events. It is encouraging to see Hong Kong athletes achieving outstanding results in various international competitions in recent years.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202304/10/P2023041000217.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 April 11 and 17 respectively that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in the Township of West Lincoln and the Municipality of Middlesex Centre of Ontario 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 links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202304/11/P2023041100402.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202304/17/P2023041700383.htm>

Media content partnership to showcase Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities

The Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government has commissioned Xinhua News Agency to launch and keep updating an online content hub

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to highlight Hong Kong's strengths, potentials and opportunities, and promote the city's image as a safe, vibrant and pluralistic society.

The hub provides news, caption stories and videos in relation to Hong Kong's latest developments in finance, innovation and technology, logistics and transport, legal and arbitration services as well as other professional services, arts and culture, and creativity industries. It also highlights Hong Kong's unique advantages and opportunities under various key national development strategies, including the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development, the development strategy of "dual circulation" and the 14th Five-Year Plan; the Belt and Road Initiative, and showcases the successful implementation of "one country, two systems" and positive developments in the past 26 years since the establishment of the HKSAR.

The hub will be updated on a daily basis until March 31, 2024 with the website link at: <http://www.news.cn/gangao/zt/kcxjmsxxfy/index.html>

In addition, China Daily, in partnership with the ISD, produced a video allowing audience to experience Hong Kong's public transport from the first-person perspective. It is posted on Weibo, Wechat and Bilibili with links as below:

Weibo: https://weibo.com/tv/show/1034:4891492138024984?from=old_pc_videoshow

WeChat: https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/zAm3o6kqv2w9h_z4606FqA

Bilibili: <https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1n24y1c7Re>

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>.

[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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