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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Global Scaleup Competition in Toronto**

The Global ScaleUp Competition (GSC), a cornerstone event of Hong Kong Fintech Week 2023 organized by Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) Canada, is the perfect opportunity for Canadian companies to showcase their businesses and demonstrate potential to leading investors and industry titans from Hong Kong and broader Asia.

This year, the GSC brings together companies leveraging AI and/or blockchain technologies (Web3) as well as the best FinTech Scaleups. The process will involve an initial application and vetting process, followed by an in-person pitch competition covering 13 semi-finals across 12 cities and one virtual track. The grand finale will be showcased at Hong Kong FinTech Week in November 2023 to an audience of 30,000+ attendees and 700+ exhibitors.

The semi-final in Toronto will be held on June 28. To join the competition, simply submit your application by June 21 at <https://www.globalfasttrack.hk/gsc>

### **Collision 2023**

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO) and InvestHK will take part in the Collision 2023, North America's fast-growing tech conference, in hosting a Masterclass entitled "Fintech, Web3, Virtual Assets Startup Opportunities in Hong Kong" on June 28 at 12 noon (EST) at Enercare Centre. Esteemed entrepreneurs/investors include Ms Karena Belin, Co-founder & CEO of WHub and Co-founder & COO/CFO/RO of AngelHub and Mr Yat Siu, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of Animoca Brands & Founder and CEO of Outblaze. Please join us for an insightful discussion about the Fintech/Web3, Gaming/ NFT/Virtual Assets startup environment and opportunities in Hong Kong, covering funding, growth sectors, the Asia region, and the future.

To get more event updates, please visit <https://collisionconf.com/schedule/cc23/timeslot/fintech-web3-and-virtual-assets-startup-opportunities-in-hong-kong-hosted-by-investhk>

### **"Digitize your Business: Grow your Global Presence via Online Marketplace" webinar**

A webinar entitled "Digitize your Business: Grow your Global Presence via Online Marketplace" will be held on Thursday July 6, 1:30PM (EDT), co-organized by HKETO,

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InvestHK Canada, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong-Chinese Business Association (HKCBA) and Burnaby Board of Trade.

A Registered Digital Advisor will give insights on how Canadian businesses can apply for grant under the Canada Digital Adoption Program to expand online presence in international markets and drive growth. Participants will also gain insights into the opportunities of cross-border e-commerce through Hong Kong and explore how Canadian companies can leverage an online marketplace to expand their international sales.

For information and free registration, please visit

<https://toronto.hkcba.com/events/webinar-digitize-your-business-grow-your-global-presence-via-online-marketplace>

### **Canadian opera “Dragon’s Tale” by Tapestry Opera**

Tapestry Opera will stage its compelling Canadian opera “Dragon’s Tale” at Toronto’s waterfront from June 15 to 18, a free outdoor performance which delves into the deep and poignant narrative of a young woman seeking to understand her roots and reconcile the complex relationship with her father. This production set against the backdrop of the rich origin story of the Dragon Boat Festival, celebrates the cultural heritage of the Chinese Canadian community while exploring themes of identity, family, and belonging.

The opera is created by noted Hong Kong Canadian composer Chan Ka Nin and award-winning playwright Mark Brownell. Directed by Tapestry Opera’s Artistic Director, Michael Hidetoshi Mori, with Musical Direction by David Fallis. The event is supported by HKETO. For details and ticket booking, please visit

<https://tapestryopera.com/performances/dragons-tale/>

### **Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival**

The 35<sup>th</sup> Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival organized by the Toronto Chinese Business Association will be held at the Centre Island from June 17 to 18, and a Hong Kong Cup will be presented. HKETO is one of the key supporters of the Festival. Visitors can learn more about the history of dragon boating in Hong Kong at the event.

For details, please visit

<https://mldb.gwnevents.com/toronto-island>

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## **Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival**

The Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival returns with free concerts to take place at the Mooney's Bay Park from June 22 to 25. The festival will feature exhilarating non-stop racing featuring thousands of competitors in community, corporate, and competitive divisions. Paddlers come from throughout North America including teams from Montreal, Toronto, Florida, New York, Philadelphia, Vermont, Wisconsin and more. HKETO is a sponsor of the event. For details, please visit

<https://dragonboat.net/news/artistic-programming-2023-lineup.aspx>

## **16<sup>th</sup> All Community Games 2023**

The 16<sup>th</sup> All Community Games 2023 organized by Sing Fai Sports Club is being held at Bill Crother's Secondary School in Markham from June 10 to 25 for three weekends. It is a competition event with multi-sports including basketball, badminton, bowling, fencing, judo, soccer, volleyball and golf for all ages. HKETO supports this event which serves as a bridge to promote friendship and sportsmanship between different communities. For details, please visit

<https://acgames.ca/>

## **Cantonese opera performance with artists from Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Toronto**

A Cantonese opera concert, produced by renowned opera producer and lyricist, Ms Yuen May Wong, with artists from Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Toronto, will be staged at the Richmond Hill Performance Arts Centre on June 21. The performance will feature the beauty of Cantonese opera, inscribed as Hong Kong's Human Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, to the Canadian audience. It will also enhance the cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada. HKETO is a sponsor of the event and a mini-exhibition will be held at the venue to showcase the latest arts, cultural and sports developments of Hong Kong. For details, please visit

<https://www.sscda.org/>

## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **Network of Family Office Service Providers launched to promote Hong Kong as preferred destination for global family offices**

InvestHK announced on June 12 the launch of the Network of Family Office Service Providers (the Network), a platform specially designed to help promote Hong Kong as a preferred destination of choice for global family offices. Over 100 representatives from a

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wide array of family office service providers participated in the launch, under the witness of key representatives from regulators and industry associations.

The Network aims to nurture the ecosystem that continues to support local and global family offices as they set up or expand in the Hong Kong market. It also provides a two-way channel for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government to brief the industry on the latest development and provide opportunities for family offices in Hong Kong, and to mobilise their networks around the world to advocate opportunities in Hong Kong for family offices.

The HKSAR Government is actively pursuing various initiatives to create a conducive and competitive environment for the businesses of global family offices and asset owners to thrive and propel the family office ecosystem in Hong Kong. Some of the new initiatives also include a new Capital Investment Entrant Scheme, tax concessions, a new Hong Kong Academy for Wealth Legacy, establishing art storage facilities at the airport and developing Hong Kong as a philanthropic centre.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202306/12/P2023061200442.htm>

### **Government establishes Northern Metropolis Co-ordination Office**

The Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government on June 12 announced the establishment of the Northern Metropolis Co-ordination Office (NMCO) to co-ordinate, champion and drive the development of the Northern Metropolis.

With the theme of “International Innovation and Technology New City”, the Northern Metropolis integrates quality living, industries, and culture and leisure. It is a new engine for Hong Kong to scale new heights, and an important platform to promote high-quality economic co-operation between Hong Kong and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and for Hong Kong to integrate into the overall national development.

The Northern Metropolis project covers aspects such as land development, housing supply, transport infrastructure, ecological conservation, development of industries, and government and community facilities.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202306/12/P2023061000731.htm>

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## **HKSAR Government's Institutional Green Bonds Offering**

The HKSAR Government on June 1 announced the successful offering of close to US\$6 billion worth of green bonds (the Green Bonds), denominated in US dollars (USD), euro (EUR) and Renminbi (RMB), under the Government Green Bond Programme.

The offering included different types of currencies and tenors, which continued to attract a wide spectrum of investors and was well received, with close to US\$30 billion equivalent in orders. In particular, the RMB tranches were expanded from a combined RMB10 billion from the January 2023 issuance to RMB15 billion this time, with the additional issuance of a new 10-year RMB tranche.

The Green Bonds were settled on June 7 and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange. The Green Bonds have been assigned credit ratings of AA+ by S&P Global Ratings and AA- by Fitch.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202306/01/P2023060100759.htm>

## **HKMA welcomes launch of HKD-RMB Dual Counter Model and Dual Counter Market Making Programme**

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) on June 6 welcomes the launch of the HKD-RMB Dual Counter Model and the Dual Counter Market Making Programme on June 19.

The launch of the HKD-RMB Dual Counter Model and the Dual Counter Market Making Programme is a significant step towards developing a diversified range of RMB-denominated products in Hong Kong. The initiatives will facilitate the use of the RMB in equity trading in Hong Kong and further expand the RMB investable universe, thereby reinforcing Hong Kong's role as the leading offshore RMB business hub.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202306/06/P2023060600465.htm>

## **Expanding civil service recruitment to undergraduate students in third year of study**

In order to attract people with aspirations to serve the community to join the civil service, starting from this year, the HKSAR Government will expand the pool of eligible candidates for civil service jobs requiring an undergraduate degree to students advancing to their third year of undergraduate studies (in a four-year curriculum) in the new academic year

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or those currently in their third year of undergraduate studies. Recommended candidates will be granted a conditional offer and will join the Government upon graduation.

This new initiative will be a win-win situation for young people, universities as well as the Government. Young people with aspirations to join the Government will be able to plan their careers early, focus on their studies and equip themselves after being offered a conditional appointment. Universities will be able to help more students interested in public services to plan ahead and better prepare themselves. The Government will be able to recruit talent as early as possible to infuse new blood into the civil service and build up a diverse talent pool.

In light of the new initiative, the Civil Service Bureau will adjust the arrangements of the relevant civil service recruitment examinations accordingly. The next round of the Common Recruitment Examination and the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (Degree/Professional Grades) is tentatively scheduled to be open for application in August (for examinations in Hong Kong) and September (for examinations outside Hong Kong) this year, while the Joint Recruitment Examination (for examinations in and outside Hong Kong) is tentatively scheduled to be open for application in September.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202306/01/P2023060100420.htm>

### **Recruitment Experience Day hosted by the Hong Kong Immigration Department**

The Immigration Department of the HKSAR Government will launch a new round of open recruitment exercise for Immigration Officer. To familiarize the public with the selection procedures, a Recruitment Experience Day will be held in Hong Kong on Saturday June 17 (Hong Kong time). A recruitment talk in Cantonese will be broadcast online. Those who are interested in joining the online recruitment talk can register via the link

<https://www.idea.gov.hk/immd-isitd/recruitment2023/tc>

### **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.

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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 <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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