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UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 Hong Kong Week themed “Hello Hong Kong”

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO) is hosting the 2023 Hong Kong Week themed “Hello Hong Kong” between end-July and end-September to feature Hong Kong’s new strengths, promising economic prospects and fresh cultural vision. Activities of the 2023 Hong Kong Week include art and photo exhibitions, film festivals, musical drama performances and a national business conference to be held in different Canadian cities. Please join us at the upcoming events.

1) The “Art at Heart” Chu Tat Shing Art Exhibition in Toronto

The “Art at Heart” Chu Tat Shing Art Exhibition is the signature event of the 2023 Hong Kong Week to showcase the artworks created by Hong Kong illustrious sculptor, Mr. Chu Tat Shing, in Toronto. The exhibition will be open to the public (free admission) from August 4 to August 13 at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto.

Mr Chu, a highly respected artist, has left an indelible imprint on the world of art through his sculptures of iconic figures such as Bruce Lee, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and many more. The centerpiece of the event will be the life-sized sculpture of Bruce Lee, an emblem of perseverance and discipline. This awe-inspiring piece, tailor-made for this exhibition in Toronto, revisits the dynamic sidekick posture initially created by Mr Chu for the Hong Kong Heritage Museum ten years ago. A selection of some iconic pieces will also be displayed as miniatures, allowing audiences to form a deeper connection with the vibrant culture of Hong Kong.

2) Fantasia International Film Festival 2023

The Fantasia International Film Festival 2023 is running from July 20 to August 9. HKETO co-presents the screenings of six Hong Kong films at the festival, namely:

- White Storm 3: Heaven or Hell 掃毒3: 人在天涯
- Mad Fate 命案
- The Sparring Partner 正義迴廊
- God of Cookery 食神
- My Heart Is That Eternal Rose 殺手蝴蝶夢
- A Chinese Ghost Story 倩女幽魂

The Canadian premiere of “White Storm 3: Heaven or Hell” was screened at the festival’s opening night on July 20. For details of the festival and the films, please visit:

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<https://fantasiafestival.com/en/>

3) Musical performances of “Button of Love” by DramaOne

Musical performances of “Button of Love”, relevant talks and photo exhibitions will be staged by DramaOne at City Playhouse Theatre in Toronto on August 12 and cSpace Marda Loop Studio Theatre in Calgary from September 9 to 10 respectively. “Button of Love” is an original play written by the Artistic Director of Dramaone Canada Peter Poon who is also a noted Hong Kong Canadian director.

For details, please visit <https://www.dramaone.ca/>

4) HKCBA National Conference in Calgary

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) will host a half-day conference, keynote luncheon and cocktail reception in Calgary to present the latest business opportunities in Hong Kong and Asia to Canadian companies on September 8. The event will focus on areas of opportunities such as the environment and energy transition, and Canadian success stories.

For details, please visit <https://www.hkcba.com/events/hkcba-annual-national-conference-keynote-luncheon-2>

OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Markham Hong Kong Film Festival

The Markham Hong Kong Film Festival organized by the Association of Canada China Business, Culture, Innovation Exchange will be held at Flato Markham Theatre on August 5 and 6. The festival will feature a live concert and screenings of two Hong Kong films which aim at facilitating cultural and artistic exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada. HKETO is one of the sponsors of the event.

For details, please visit

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=234962645928699&set=a.110641245027507>

Calgary and Victoria Dragon Boat Festivals

Calgary Dragon Boat Race & Festival and Victoria Dragon Boat Festival will be held at North Glenmore Park of Calgary on August 11 to 13 and at Inner Harbour and Ship’s

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Point of Victoria on August 12 to 13 respectively. Visitors can enjoy dragon boat races, exhibition of Hong Kong's modern dragon boat history, local live music, local food trucks and vendors, and more at the festivals. HKETO is a sponsor of both events. For details, please visit:

<https://calgarydragonboatsociety.com/>

<https://victoriadragonboatfestival.com/festival-info/>

Hong Kong Fintech Week 2023 (in Hong Kong)

Hong Kong FinTech Week 2023, one of the most influential and largest fintech events in Asia with over 30,000 attendees, will be held in Hong Kong from October 30 to November 5. The event will bring together top industry leaders, regulators, investors, and entrepreneurs from around the world to discuss the latest trends and innovations in financial technology.

Organised by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government and Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK), the event features a range of activities including exhibitions, keynotes & panel discussions, workshops, networking sessions and business matchmaking, thus providing an unparalleled platform for participants to connect, share insights, and explore new business opportunities.

For details, please visit <https://www.fintechweek.hk/>

StartmeupHK Festival 2023 (in Hong Kong)

StartmeupHK Festival 2023, Asia's most dynamic annual startup celebration curated by InvestHK in partnership with leading organisations, will be hosted from November 8 to 17. The festival will bring entrepreneurs, innovators and investors from around the world to Hong Kong to build connections, exchange ideas and explore business opportunities.

Themed "A Future Unlimited", the Festival will feature a series of main events and exciting new activities. More than 30 000 attendees are expected to join 200 top international speakers at summits on Web3, healthcare, PropTech, sustainability, gaming and entertainment and more, alongside pitching competitions and business-matching sessions.

For details, please visit <https://www.startmeup.hk/startmeuphk-festival-2023/>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

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Hong Kong films featured at Fantasia International Film Festival

The HKETO is supporting the screening of six Hong Kong films at the 2023 Fantasia International Film Festival, being held from July 20 to August 9 in Montreal. In particular, the movie “White Storm 3: Heaven or Hell” directed by Herman Yau had its Canadian premiere on the film festival’s opening night on July 20.

Speaking before the screening of “White Storm 3: Heaven or Hell”, the Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, briefed the audience that Hong Kong is a leading film-making centre in Asia with over a century of history. She also remarked that the HKSAR Government has been very supportive of the development of Hong Kong film industry. New initiatives have been introduced to promote Hong Kong-Asian film collaboration and content development for streaming platforms.

Ms Mo stressed that HKETO will continue to support Hong Kong films to participate in various international film festivals held in Canada.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-films-featured-at-fantasia-international-film-festival-2022.html>

HKETO hosts sharing session for summer interns from Hong Kong

The HKETO hosted a sharing session on July 18 for undergraduate summer interns from Hong Kong who are on attachment to HKETO or community organisations in the Greater Toronto Area.

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, met with the students and briefly introduced to them the work and role of HKETO in enhancing closer relations between Hong Kong and Canada in different aspects. She encouraged the students to make the most of their internship in Canada, which would be useful to their future career development.

The summer interns shared their experience in Canada and what they had learnt from the internship. They all agreed that overseas internship had helped broaden their horizons and better equipped them for future employment.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-hosts-sharing-session-for-summer-interns-from-hong-kong.html>

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Report on the digitalisation of financial services in Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Institute for Monetary and Financial Research, the research arm of the Hong Kong Academy of Finance, on July 12 released a new Applied Research report titled “The Digitalisation of Financial Services in Hong Kong: Recent Experience, Regulatory Developments and Considerations for Sustainable Innovation and Growth”.

The report reviews market and policy factors that have accelerated the digitalisation of financial services in Hong Kong in the past few years. It also discusses the implications of digitalisation for financial inclusion and environmental sustainability, as well as the associated risks for consumers, featuring insights from local financial institutions.

In addition, the report highlights the measures implemented both in Hong Kong and internationally to mitigate the potential risks and enhance consumer protection, and it concludes with considerations for sustainable innovation and growth in the digitalisation journey for financial services in Hong Kong.

The report is available at

<https://www.aof.org.hk/docs/default-source/hkimr/applied-research-report/drep.pdf>

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202307/12/P2023071200507.htm>

Extension of e-Channel service to non-local students, foreign domestic helpers and imported workers

The Immigration Department (ImmD) announced on July 20 that the e-Channel service will be extended to non-local students, foreign domestic helpers and imported workers with effect from July 21.

The above categories of Hong Kong residents aged 11 or above holding smart identity cards may use the Contactless e-Channel service by simply downloading the ImmD’s Contactless e-Channels mobile application free of charge for enrolment using a smart phone with biometric authentication technology.

For details of the e-Channel service, please visit the ImmD website www.immd.gov.hk.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202307/20/P2023072000327.htm>

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SCST congratulates gold medal winners

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism of the HKSAR Government, Mr Kevin Yeung, on July 21 extended his congratulations to Hong Kong karate athletes Grace Lau and Tsang Yee-ting on winning gold medals in the Women's Kata event and the Senior Female Individual Kumite -50kg event respectively in the 2023 AKF Senior Championships.

Mr Yeung said that Hong Kong people are thrilled and encouraged to witness Hong Kong's elite athletes reaching the top again. He wishes all Hong Kong athletes every success in other international competitions.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202307/22/P2023072200572.htm>

Two Hong Kong teams shine at international mathematical and physics Olympiads

Two teams of students representing Hong Kong achieved remarkable results in the 64th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO 2023) and the 53rd International Physics Olympiad (IPhO 2023) respectively.

The IMO 2023, hosted by Japan, was held from July 2 to 13, with the participation of 618 students from 112 countries or regions. The Hong Kong team won one gold medal, one silver medal and four bronze medals.

The IPhO 2023, also hosted by Japan, was held from July 10 to 17. A total of 394 students from 82 countries or regions competed for the medals. The Hong Kong team won one gold medal, three silver medals and one bronze medal.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202307/18/P2023071800593.htm>

Recruitment of qualified doctors outside Hong Kong

The 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 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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