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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 currently hosting the 2023 Hong Kong Week themed “Hello Hong Kong” until the end of 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. Details of the 2023 Hong Kong Week can be found on the event’s dedicated webpage at [hongkongweek2023.hketo.ca](http://hongkongweek2023.hketo.ca). Please join us at the upcoming events.

#### **1) Kelvin Yuen Photo Exhibition**

The HKETO co-presents the online photo exhibition with Hong Kong young award-winning photographer Kelvin Yuen to showcase the beautiful landscapes of Canada and enhance the cultural exchanges between Canada and Hong Kong. To take a glimpse of this exhibition about the Winter of Canada and the Landscape of Canada through Kelvin’s lens, please visit

<https://hongkongweek2023.hketo.ca/highlighted-event/photo-exhibition>.

In addition, some photos featured online will be exhibited at the cities of Vaughan and Calgary as follows:

#### **Vaughan**

Venue: Foyer of City Playhouse Theatre

Date: August 12, 2023 (Saturday)

#### **Calgary**

Venue: cSPACE Hallway Galleries

Date: September 9 to 10, 2023 (Saturday to Sunday)

#### **2) Fantasia International Film Festival 2023**

The Fantasia International Film Festival 2023 is running from July 20 to August 9. The 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

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- My Heart Is That Eternal Rose 殺手蝴蝶夢
- A Chinese Ghost Story 倩女幽魂

For details of the festival and the films, please visit:  
<https://fantasiafestival.com/en/>

### 3) 4<sup>th</sup> Mulan International Film Festival

The 4<sup>th</sup> Mulan International Film Festival will be held from August 11 to 19. The HKETO co-presents with the festival seven Hong Kong films at this edition, namely:

- The Sunny Side of the Street (Opening Night) 白日青春
- Boat People 投奔怒海
- Dragon Inn 龍門客棧
- Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon 臥虎藏龍
- A Touch of Zen 俠女
- Ashes of Time Redux (35mm Film) 東邪西毒終極版
- Havana Divas (World Premiere) 古巴花旦

For details of the festival and the films, please visit <https://mulanfestival.com/festival-2023/>

### 4) Musical performances of “Button of Love” by DramaOne

Musical performances of “Button of Love” will be staged by DramaOne Canada at City Playhouse Theatre in Toronto on August 12 and cSpace Marda Loop Studio Theatre in Calgary on 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/>

### 5) HKCBA National Conference in Calgary

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

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

## **OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **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 from August 11 to 13 and at Inner Harbour and Ship's Point of Victoria from 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. The HKETO is a sponsor of both events. For details, please visit:

<https://calgarydragonboatsociety.com/>

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

### **Webinar of “Greentech Opportunities in Hong Kong for Canadian Companies”**

The HKETO, HKCBA, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) will jointly organize the “Greentech Opportunities in Hong Kong for Canadian Companies” webinar on August 24, 9:30AM (EDT) via Zoom platform. This virtual event, supported by the Government of Canada, will provide valuable insights into the Hong Kong greentech market and funding opportunities available in the city, as well as the windows of opportunity to leverage prominent environment protection events like Eco Expo Asia and International Greentech Week.

Registration is free, but reservations are required at <https://bit.ly/0824greentechwebinar>

### **Uptown Asian Festival 2023**

The Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan Chinese Business Association, Canadian Asian Heritage Association and the Cross-Cultural Community Services Association jointly organize the Uptown Asian Festival 2023 entitled “Mid-Autumn Marvels: A Cultural Extravaganza Celebrating Asian Heritage” to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival in Richmond Hill on September 1 to 3. This vibrant festival brings together diverse traditions and acts as a catalyst for cross-cultural understanding. As part of the commemoration of Richmond Hill's 150th anniversary, this event is designed to promote community engagement and celebrate the richness of Asian cultures. The HKETO is one of the sponsors of this community event. For details, please visit <https://www.uptownasianfestival.ca/>

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## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

### **HKETO presents “Art at Heart - Chu Tat Shing Art Exhibition” as debut of 2023 Hong Kong Week**

The HKETO and the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto proudly co-presented the “Art at Heart - Chu Tat Shing Art Exhibition” as the debut of the 2023 Hong Kong Week on August 3.

The exhibition features a life-sized, never-seen-before statue of Bruce Lee, specifically designed and created for Canada by award-winning and renowned Hong Kong sculpture master Chu Tat-shing, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the passing of the legend martial arts superstar. The event, running from August 4 through August 13, also showcases a lineup of over 30 art pieces from Chu’s studio. In addition, it offered visitors an unforgettable experience with talks, workshops and live demonstrations.

Delivering a welcome speech at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, the Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, highlighted Hong Kong’s unique status as a place where East meets West for arts and culture, adding that the West Kowloon Cultural District stands as a testament to this new role of Hong Kong, offering a world-class ensemble of cultural performances, exhibitions, and immersive experiences all year round.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-proudly-presents-art-at-heart-chu-tat-shing-art-exhibition-as-debut-of-2023-hong-kong-week.html>

### **HKETO Director presents 2023 Chinese Canadian Legend Award at the 22nd Award Gala**

The Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, attended the 22nd Chinese Canadian Legend (CCL) Award Gala on July 29 and presented award to an outstanding Chinese Canadian who made remarkable achievements in her field.

Speaking at the gala, Ms Mo highlighted the Hong Kong spirit which is a testament to unwavering resilience, determination and adaptability, adding that the “can-do spirit” is what Hong Kong people beautifully embody in pursuing dreams.

She presented the CCL Award to Ms Sue Tang, a Hong Kong-born woman who forged a successful career in Canada and pursued charitable endeavors with a sense of gratitude – a testimony of Hong Kong spirit.

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Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-presents-2023-chinese-canadian-legend-award-at-the-22nd-award-gala.html>

## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **APEC holds Energy Modelling Workshop in Hong Kong, China via video conferencing**

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Workshop on Energy Modelling was held in Hong Kong, China via video conference on August 8.

Delivering the opening remarks at the workshop, the Secretary for Environment and Ecology of the HKSAR Government, Mr Tse Chin-wan, updated that Hong Kong is striving to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050. The HKSAR Government published the Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050, which outlines Hong Kong's decarbonisation strategies and targets, as well as the climate adaptation and resilience measures. The Government also set up a new Office of Climate Change and Carbon Neutrality to strengthen co-ordination and promote work such as deep decarbonisation.

Around 90 experts and delegates from eight APEC member economies and five organisations attended the workshop to share their experiences on the utilisation of energy modelling in forecasting energy consumption and tracking low carbon transition progress, as well as for formulating the energy policies.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202308/08/P2023080800421.htm>

### **Policy Address consultation launched**

The HKSAR Government on July 31 launched a public consultation for the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address. The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, will deliver his second Policy Address on October 25.

Mr Lee stressed that his government had been carefully listening to the voices from the people along the way and implementing concrete measures to further improve governance, create strong impetus for growth, address people's concerns and difficulties in daily life as well as uniting the community, so as to build a better Hong Kong together.

The HKSAR Government will conduct more than 30 consultation sessions and district visits to listen to views and suggestions of various sectors. Members of the public can

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give their views through the Policy Address website ([www.policyaddress.gov.hk](http://www.policyaddress.gov.hk)), via the dedicated Facebook page for the Policy Address public consultation ([www.facebook.com/PolicyAddress2023](https://www.facebook.com/PolicyAddress2023)), or by email ([policyaddress@cepu.gov.hk](mailto:policyaddress@cepu.gov.hk)), phone (2432 1899) or fax (2537 9083).

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202307/31/P2023073100217.htm>

### **New round of applications for Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law and National Security Law Test opens**

A new round of the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) and the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) (degree/professional grades) open for application starting from August 4. Prospective applicants for civil service posts at the degree or professional level are welcome to apply before the deadline of 5pm on August 17.

In order to attract people with an aspiration to serve the community to join the civil service and to enable young people to better plan their future career development, the pool of eligible candidates for civil service jobs requiring an undergraduate degree will be expanded to students advancing to their third year of undergraduate studies (in a four-year curriculum) in the new academic year.

The CRE consists of three papers, namely Use of English (UE), Use of Chinese (UC) and Aptitude Test (AT). Results in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSEE) or other specified public examinations are accepted as equivalents to different levels of results for the UC and UE.

All applicants are required to obtain a pass result in the BLNST for all civil service recruitment exercises. Applicants may choose to take any of the CRE papers and/or the BLNST paper in the coming examination.

For the convenience of those studying or residing outside Hong Kong, the CRE and BLNST (degree/professional grades) are tentatively scheduled to be held on December 2, 2023, in eight other cities including Toronto and Vancouver. Applications for taking the examinations outside Hong Kong will be accepted later this year.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202308/03/P2023080300357.htm>

In addition, the HKSAR Government announced on August 3 that the next round of recruitment exercises for the posts of AO, Executive Officer II (EOII), Assistant Labour

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Officer II (ALOI), Assistant Trade Officer II (ATOII), Management Services Officer II (MSOII) and Transport Officer II (TOII) will begin in September 2023.

Candidates who wish to apply for the posts mentioned above but do not attain the requisite results should apply to take the relevant paper(s) in this round of CRE and BLNST in order to be considered for appointment.

Details relating to the CRE and BLNST and an on-line application system will be made available on CSB's website during the respective application periods. Details of the 2023-24 AO, EOII, ALOII, ATOII, MSOII and TOII recruitment exercises will be separately announced in September.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202308/03/P2023080300392.htm>

### **Media partnership to promote Hong Kong's advantages**

In partnership with the Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government, South China Morning Post has created a video with article featuring two Hong Kong young professionals who have harnessed the city's dynamic environment to establish business, exploring how Hong Kong's business environment aided their journey to start up and build their companies.

Video: What Hong Kong can offer to entrepreneurs

Interviewees:

Ben Chien, founder of Acqua Media/ Managing Director of Greater China, AnyMind Group  
Nicholas Ho, Chairman of Ho and Partners Architects Engineers and Development Consultants (HPA)

Link:

<https://www.scmp.com/presented/business/topics/hong-kong-where-world-looks-ahead/article/3229117/ideal-spot-set-businesses>

In addition, China Daily in partnership with the ISD has produced a video highlighting Hong Kong's advantages as a premier hub for global businesses.

Video: Hong Kong: Premier hub for global businesses

Interviewees:

Ben Simpfendorfer, Partner at Oliver Wyman  
Ricky Chiu Yin-to, Chairman and CEO of PHASE Scientific  
Professor Andrew Chan Chi-fai, President of the GBA Business School

Links: [http://regional.chinadaily.com.cn/en/2023-08/03/c\\_907813.htm](http://regional.chinadaily.com.cn/en/2023-08/03/c_907813.htm)

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