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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 <https://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>.

Some photos featured online will be exhibited in Calgary as follows:

Date: September 9 and 10, 2023 (Saturday and Sunday)
Venue: cSPACE Hallway Galleries

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

Musical performances of “Button of Love” will be staged by DramaOne Canada at cSpace Marda Loop Studio Theatre in Calgary on September 9 and 10 respectively. “Button of Love” is an original play written by DramaOne’s Artistic Director Peter Poon, who is also a noted Hong Kong-Canadian director. For details, please visit <https://www.dramaone.ca/%E5%8D%A1%E5%8A%A0%E9%87%8C>.

3) HKCBA National Conference in Calgary

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) will host its annual national conference 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>.

4) Toronto International Film Festival 2023

The 48th Toronto International Film Festival 2023 will be held from September 7 to 17. In partnership with HKETO, the Festival will present the world premiere of the movie “The Movie Emperor” (紅毯先生) starring Hong Kong superstar Andy Lau, recipient of the Festival’s Special Tribute Award, as its Gala Presentation on September 15. In addition, HKETO also supports the festival event of “In Conversation with Andy Lau” to be held on September 16.

For details, please visit:

<https://tiff.net/events/the-movie-emperor>

<https://tiff.net/events/in-conversation-with-andy-lau>

5) Vancouver International Film Festival 2023

The Vancouver International Film Festival 2023 will run from September 28 to October 8. HKETO will sponsor and co-present the screenings of two Hong Kong films at the festival, namely “In Broad Daylight (白日之下) directed by Lawrence Kan, and Winter Chants (冬未來) directed by Jessey Tsang Tsui-Shan. For details of the festival and the films, please visit: <https://viff.org/festival/films/>.

OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Asialicious Carnival 2022

The three-day weekend Asialicious Carnival will be held at Woodside Square in Scarborough from September 15 to 17. It is an annual event to celebrate multiculturalism and showcase diverse Asian culture through a variety of food including Hong Kong style cuisine as well as multicultural performances such as a “Starry Night” variety show, followed by fireworks. HKETO is a sponsor of the event. For details of the event, please visit: <https://asialiciouscarnival.com/>.

Table Tennis Tournament by Canada-HK Unionville-Doncrest New Horizon Lions Club

The Canada-HK Unionville-Doncrest New Horizon Lions Club will organize the 2023 New Horizon Championship - 12th Annual Charity Table Tennis Tournament on September

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24. Through this sports activity, the Club will demonstrate its dedication to foster stronger friendship between Hong Kong and Canada. HKETO is pleased to continue our sponsorship support to the “Alumni Cup” of the tournament this year. For details, please visit <http://www.newhorizonlionsclub.org/past-events/>.

Imperial Ball 2023

Imperial Ball 2023 hosted by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto will be held on September 30. Under the theme of “Where East Meets West”, the ball raises funds to provide better services and program for the community and celebrate the legacy of Chinese Canadians in the Greater Toronto Area. HKETO is a supporter of the event. For details, please visit <https://www.cccgt.org>.

2023 ACCE West Coast Gala

The Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) will host the 2023 ACCE West Coast Gala on October 5 in Vancouver. The event serves to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation and corporate citizenship. ACCE has made continual effort to recognise the achievements of outstanding Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs and to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship among the Chinese Canadian community. HKETO is the supporter of the event.

For details, please visit: <https://www.acce.ca/new/2023-acce-west-coast-gala/>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO Director joins webinar to promote green tech opportunities in Hong Kong

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the “GreenTech Opportunities in Hong Kong for Canadian Companies” webinar co-hosted by the HKETO, Hong Kong Trade Development Council (Toronto), InvestHK and HKCBA (Toronto Section) on August 24.

This webinar, supported by the Government of Canada, aimed to provide invaluable insights into the Hong Kong green tech market and funding opportunities available in the city, as well as the windows of opportunity to leverage prominent environment protection events.

In delivering opening remarks at the webinar, Ms Mo noted that Hong Kong and Canada share the same goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Over the years, Hong Kong has been exploring various solutions to combat climate change.

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Ms Mo highlighted that Hong Kong is also a prominent player in the green finance ecosystem. She stressed that enormous opportunities are posed by the requirement of ESG reporting and the huge demand for green projects and green financing in the Mainland China. Ms Mo encouraged participants to join the Canadian GreenTech Mission to Eco Expo Asia or make use of HKETO's support services offered by InvestHK.

Click the following link for details:

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

HKETO Director joins Uptown Asian Festival to promote Hong Kong's diverse cultural faces

Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, joined the Uptown Asian Festival on September 1 to promote Hong Kong's diverse cultural faces, mark the significance of the Mid-Autumn Festival and commemorate the City of Richmond Hill's 150th anniversary.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Ms Mo noted that deep ties between Hong Kong and the City of Richmond Hill encompassed a range of aspects, from the Hong Kong-style cuisine to business and trade, as well as the tradition to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Besides enjoying the multi-culturalism presented at the Festival, Ms Mo invited event participants to travel to Hong Kong with the launch of the 'Hello Hong Kong' campaign.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-joins-uptown-asian-festival-to-promote-hong-kongs-diverse-cultural-faces.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

HKMA unveils new roadmap to promote fintech adoption

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) published on August 25 a new Fintech Promotion Roadmap (Roadmap), outlining the key initiatives that it will undertake over the next 12 months to give further impetus to Fintech adoption in the financial services industry.

The new Roadmap focuses on the Fintech business areas of Wealthtech, Insurtech and Greentech as well as the technology types of Artificial Intelligence and Distributed Ledger Technology.

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Given the relevance of these key Fintech areas to the wider financial services sector, the HKMA worked closely with the Securities and Futures Commission and the Insurance Authority as well as key stakeholders across different financial sectors during the formulation of the new Roadmap.

More details about the Roadmap and the HKMA's upcoming initiatives can be found at <https://www.hkma.gov.hk/media/eng/doc/key-information/guidelines-and-circular/2023/20230825e1a1.pdf>

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202308/25/P2023082500263.htm>

HKSAR Government releases Green Bond Report 2023

The HKSAR Government released on August 31 the Green Bond Report 2023, which sets out, among others, the allocation of the proceeds raised from green bond issuances, including that of the inaugural tokenised green bond issued this year, and the expected environmental benefits of the projects financed. So far, the Government has successfully issued green bonds totalling close to an equivalent of US\$22 billion, funding various green projects in Hong Kong and providing important benchmarks for potential issuers.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the HKSAR Government, Mr Christopher Hui, said that the Green Bond Report 2023 provides comprehensive and detailed information on the green bonds issued by the Government, helping investors and members of the public understand the positive environmental impacts of the green projects financed, and encouraging them to participate in building a greener Hong Kong through green investment.

The Green Bond Report 2023 is the fourth Green Bond Report of the Government. The Report can be found at www.hkgb.gov.hk/en/greenbond/greenbondreport.html.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202308/31/P2023083100496.htm>

SCST congratulates Andy Lau on winning Special Tribute Award in Toronto International Film Festival

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism of the HKSAR Government, Mr Kevin Yeung, on August 24 congratulated multitalented Hong Kong artiste Andy Lau on garnering the Special Tribute Award at the 48th Toronto International Film Festival.

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Mr Yeung said that Andy Lau has made great contributions to Hong Kong films and music. Apart from showcasing Hong Kong's cultural soft power, Lau, who demonstrates a responsible and professional work attitude, is also a role model for young people.

Hong Kong movies and filmmakers have gained recognition among their counterparts worldwide by winning a number of international awards in recent years, and that the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Film Development Council will continue to provide support on various fronts and push for the sustainable development of the industry.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202308/24/P2023082400319.htm>

In addition, Mr Yeung, on September 5 congratulated Hong Kong actor Chow Yun-fat on winning the Asian Filmmaker of the Year award at the 28th Busan International Film Festival. The award is granted to Asian filmmakers who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the Asian film industry and culture.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202309/05/P2023090500659.htm>

Triumphant return of Hong Kong, China Delegation from Ulaanbaatar 2023 East Asia Youth Games

The HKSAR Government held a welcome home ceremony at Hong Kong International Airport on August 23 to greet the Hong Kong, China Delegation on their triumphant return from the Ulaanbaatar 2023 East Asia Youth Games (EAYG). Amid days of intense competition, the delegation shone at the Games and earned a total of 22 medals, comprising two gold, six silver and 14 bronze.

The 2023 EAYG was held from August 16 to 23 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Over 1 500 athletes from nine countries or regions participated in the Games.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202308/23/P2023082300412.htm>

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Global recruitment exercise for CEO of AFRC commenced

The HKSAR Government announced on August 25 the commencement of a global recruitment exercise for the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council (AFRC).

The Selection Panel chaired by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the HKSAR will identify the most suitable candidate for recommendation for appointment by the Chief Executive.

The new CEO will lead the AFRC, and implement the regulatory objectives under the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council Ordinance as well as the policies and strategies set by the AFRC Board to ensure effective regulation as well as promote the long-term development of the Hong Kong accounting profession.

The AFRC is a full-fledged independent regulatory and oversight body of the accounting profession. The Government has appointed a consulting firm to support the recruitment work of the Selection Panel.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202308/25/P2023082400488.htm>

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