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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **27<sup>th</sup> Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival will take place from November 8 to 19. In partnership with the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), the festival will present a Hong Kong short film “Everywhere” produced by animation director Step C. and artist Kai Chung Ng. The film is part of the Wee Asian Shorts Programme of the festival. Please click the following link for details:

<https://www.reelasian.com/festival-events/everywhere/>

### **Musical performances of “Button of Love”**

The musical performances of “Button of Love” will be staged by DramaOne Canada at City Playhouse Theatre in Vancouver from November 17 to 18 at Richmond Gateway Theatre. “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/>

### **Cathay Ball 2023**

The Cathay Ball 2023 themed “Illuminating Future” hosted by the Mon Sheong Foundation will be held on November 18. Proceeds raised at the event will go towards its “Because We Care” capital campaign for the good cause of supporting the building of two new Mon Sheong long-term care centres. The HKETO is proud to sponsor the event’s VIP Reception and highlight Hong Kong as the Asia’s Cultural Metropolis. For details, please visit <https://cathayball.monsheong.org/>

### **HKCBA (Montreal Chapter) Holiday Cocktail**

The Hong Kong-Canadian Business Association (Montreal Chapter) will host a holiday cocktail reception on November 28. The event, supported by HKETO, Invest Hong Kong (Canada) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) is a good occasion for the international trade community interested in Asian trade and Hong Kong to discover opportunities and share success stories. Details of the event:

Date: 28 November 2023

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm (EST)

Location: 1 Square Phillips, Pavillon de présentation  
539 rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, Montréal QC

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For registration, please click: <https://montreal.hkcba.com/events/hkcba-montreal-holiday-cocktail>

## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

### **Hong Kong movies make waves in Montreal**

The “Making Waves - Navigators of Hong Kong Cinema” film festival in Montreal, sponsored by Create Hong Kong (CreateHK) and supported by HKETO, showcased a selection of six Hong Kong films in Montreal from October 20 to 22. All the movies were Montreal premieres.

The HKETO hosted a reception on the opening night before the screening of “Over My Dead Body” to kick-start the film festival on October 20, with the presence of Hong Kong director Kelvin Shum; actor Wong You-nam; actresses Jennifer Yu and Angel Lam; and about 50 guests from the local film, cultural and business sectors.

The Director of HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, briefed the audience that Hong Kong stands as a unique East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchanges. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has undertaken remarkable efforts to promote the film industry by funding filmmaking, as well as talent development and attraction. She added that there are new initiatives aimed at promoting content development for streaming platforms.

The three-day touring film programme presented six Hong Kong movies to Montreal audiences. Question and answer sessions were held, where Hong Kong creative talent engaged with local audiences.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-movies-make-waves-in-montreal.html>

## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **Policy Address entitled “A Vibrant Economy for a Caring Community”**

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, announced his second Policy Address on October 25 entitled “**A Vibrant Economy for a Caring Community**”, setting out a range of initiatives to revive the economy, create opportunities and ensure long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

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Major initiatives included:

- ❖ Reinforce our status as **international financial centre** – enhance stock market liquidity, expand offshore Renminbi business, deepen Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) collaboration and venture into green finance
- ❖ Trawl for enterprises, attract and retain talents by developing a “**Headquarters Economy**” to attract enterprises from outside Hong Kong to set up headquarters and/or corporate divisions in Hong Kong; attract companies to re-domicile to Hong Kong
- ❖ Establish the physical office of **Hong Kong Talent Engage**, expand the coverage of universities under the Top Talent Pass Scheme, and implement the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme

The **Northern Metropolis** is a new engine for Hong Kong's future growth. Upon completion, in 20 years, it will provide about 500 000 new housing units and create 500 000 new jobs. The area will be home to a wide range of community and social services, including a Northern Metropolis University Town, government office buildings, arts and cultural facilities, and the Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park, and will be divided into four main areas:

- ❖ **a hub for high-end professional services and logistics** located in Hung Shui Kiu and connected with the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone;
- ❖ **an innovation and technology zone** covering the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park in San Tin Technopole, which will create synergy with the Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Zone;
- ❖ **a boundary commerce and industry zone** that will drive such industries as advanced construction, green environment industries, health care, food technology and modern logistics, while promoting cross-boundary business services; and
- ❖ **a blue and green recreation, tourism and conservation circle** covering Robin's Nest, Sha Tau Kok and Yan Chau Tong.

For the full text and highlights of “The Chief Executive’s 2022 Policy Address”, please visit the link: <https://www.policyaddress.gov.hk/2023/en/>

### **CE leads HK delegation to attend CEO Conference of third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation**

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, led the high-level HKSAR delegation to attend the CEO Conference of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing from October 17 to 18.

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Speaking at the Conference, Mr Lee said that the number of regional headquarters set up in Hong Kong by Belt and Road counterparts between 2017 and 2022 had doubled. Hong Kong's direct investment in Belt and Road countries up to 2021 had also increased to US\$120 billion. The total remittance of Renminbi for cross-border trade settlement had more than doubled to RMB9.3 trillion. These figures eminently reflect the immense growth potential of the Belt and Road countries, as well as the role of Hong Kong as a participant, facilitator and beneficiary of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Looking ahead, Mr Lee pledged that the HKSAR Government will continue to proactively integrate into the overall development of the country and live out the Silk Road's spirit of "win-win co-operation" by working hand in hand with Belt and Road countries and enterprises to pursue development and share the fruits of success.

The CEO Conference was attended by over 1 200 government and business leaders, and eminent representatives from the business, trade and professional sectors from Belt and Road countries and regions.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/17/P2023101700328.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/18/P2023101800471.htm>

### **FS attends IMF and World Bank Annual Meetings in Morocco**

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, attended the 2023 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group (WBG) in Marrakech, Morocco on October 13 as a member of the Chinese delegation.

The Annual Meetings bring together ministers of finance and heads of relevant agencies, representatives of central banks, key members of the private sector and non-governmental organisations and academics from around the world to discuss issues of global concern, including the world economic outlook and development, as well as responding to climate change.

After the Plenary Session, Mr Chan met with the senior management of the IMF and the WBG respectively. They exchanged views on issues including the global economic situation, international geopolitical landscape, responding to climate change, green finance, and fintech development.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/14/P2023101400115.htm>

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## **InvestHK's summit puts Hong Kong's booming life and health sciences industry under spotlight**

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) held the Unlock The Life & Health Sciences Potential Through Innovation summit on October 13, highlighting the development and achievements of Hong Kong's life and health sciences (L&HS) industry and exploring roadmaps for overseas businesses looking to enter Hong Kong.

The summit attracted more than 150 online and offline participants, bringing together industry leaders, investors, research and medical professionals, financial specialists and professional service providers to share their insights and expertise.

To demonstrate the strengths and competitive advantages and provide an in-depth analysis of Hong Kong's L&HS landscape, InvestHK and Deloitte China released a new joint report, "Unlocking Life and Health Sciences Potential - A Complete Guide to Capturing Opportunities from Research to Commercialisation in Hong Kong and Beyond", highlighting recent milestones and key business opportunities generated from Hong Kong's capabilities along the value chain, from upstream research and development (R&D) to downstream commercialisation and business expansion.

Please visit the link below to download the full report:

[https://www.investhk.gov.hk/sites/default/files/Unlocking\\_Life\\_%26\\_Health\\_Sciences\\_Potential%28EN%29.pdf](https://www.investhk.gov.hk/sites/default/files/Unlocking_Life_%26_Health_Sciences_Potential%28EN%29.pdf)

For details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/13/P2023101300248.htm>

## **Hong Kong FinTech Week 2023 and StartmeupHK Festival to kick off in October and November respectively**

InvestHK announced that the eighth edition of Hong Kong FinTech Week 2023 (HKFW), themed "Fintech Redefined", will take place from October 30 to November 5. This flagship event lies at the core of global fintech innovations and aims to shape the future of fintech across various dimensions of financial services and beyond.

Organised by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau of the HKSAR Government and InvestHK, and co-organised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Securities and Futures Commission and the Insurance Authority, HKFW is set to attract more than 30 000 attendees and garner over 5 million online views from more than 90 economies.

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This year's conference will bring together global leaders and world-leading fintech innovations to explore the future development of fintech through six key themes - global regulations and focuses such as sustainable and green finance; funding and venture capital as well as family office investments; exploring the realms of artificial intelligence (AI), Web3 and emerging frontiers; unveiling the latest opportunities within the dynamic Greater Bay Area; Hong Kong's innovation journey; and business showcases.

Further information can be found at [www.fintechweek.hk](http://www.fintechweek.hk).

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/18/P2023101700449.htm>

In addition, the annual StartmeupHK Festival will also return to Hong Kong from November 8 to 17. Curated by InvestHK and guided by the theme "A Future Unlimited", the StartmeupHK Festival 2023, featuring eight main events and an array of community events, will explore the latest topics around Web3, healthtech, proptech, greentech, GameFi, and much more. As a leading start-up event in Asia, the Festival is expected to host more than 20 000 start-ups, investors and tech enthusiasts representing over 100 countries and regions this year.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/11/P2023100600536.htm>

### **Hong Kong attracts award-winning digital marketing agency to set up regional office**

InvestHK on October 12 announced that it has brought to the city United States-based NP Digital which will leverage Hong Kong's international status to expand the company's digital marketing coverage across the region.

NP Digital is a global award-winning digital marketing agency that provides performance-based marketing strategies to companies bringing the company's proven best practices and local expertise in paid media, earned media, performance creative, and data and analytics to help brands in Hong Kong and across Asia. The opening of the Hong Kong office is the company's next step in its Asia-Pacific expansion.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/12/P2023101000245.htm>

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## **Government gazettes to include more endangered species on control list**

The HKSAR Government gazetted on October 13 the amendment of Schedules 1 and 3 of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance to reflect the latest control list of endangered species under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The amendment order mainly reflects the addition, removal and other changes of species listed in the Appendices to CITES, and involves a number of species of freshwater turtles, river stingrays, sharks, sea cucumbers, wood, etc.

Under the Ordinance, except with exemptions or otherwise specified, it is illegal for any person to import, export or possess any endangered species without a required licence. Offenders are liable to a maximum penalty of a HK\$10 million fine and imprisonment for 10 years upon conviction.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/13/P2023101300367.htm>

## **Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Russia and Canada suspended**

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on October 17 and 24 respectively that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Rural Municipality of Maple Creek No. 111 of Saskatchewan Province and the Municipal District of Greenview of Alberta Province, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

According to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 20 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Canada in the first six months of this year.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/17/P2023101700479.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/24/P2023102400361.htm>

## **Asia premiere of “Passengers” by The 7 Fingers from Canada to be staged in Hong Kong in December**

Renowned Canadian contemporary physical theatre troupe, The 7 Fingers, will go to Hong Kong to present the Asia premiere of “Passengers” in early December. The troupe

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tells the captivating stories of encounters, reunions and goodbyes of strangers in transit through the form of acrobatics, theatre, music and dance performance. The three dazzling performances will also open the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's "Cheers!" Series this year.

"Cheers!" Series: "Passengers" by The 7 Fingers will be held from December 1 to 3 at the Auditorium of Sha Tin Town Hall. Moreover, two workshops (conducted in English with Cantonese interpretation) will be organised. Members of the troupe will guide participants through the foundations of different acrobatic disciplines in an interactive approach.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202310/18/P2023101700368.htm>

### **Media partnership to promote Hong Kong's innovation and technology startup ecosystem**

The Economist, in partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, has created a piece of branded content on Hong Kong's burgeoning innovation and technology startup ecosystem with insights from experts in the sector.

Title: Hong Kong's innovation and technology startup ecosystem revs up

Link:

<https://impact.economist.com/projects/hk-a-premier-hub/article/hong-kongs-innovation-and-technology-startup-ecosystem-revs-up/>

### **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.

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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