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UPCOMING EVENTS

HKCBA (Montreal Chapter) Holiday Cocktail

The Hong Kong-Canadian Business Association (HKCBA) (Montreal Chapter) will host a holiday cocktail reception on November 28. The event, supported by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO), Invest Hong Kong (Canada) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), is a good occasion for the international business 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

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

HKCBA (Ottawa Chapter) Member Appreciation Networking Event

The HKCBA (Ottawa Chapter) will host a member appreciation social networking event on November 29. The event offers a unique opportunity for members to learn more about organisations, resources and people in place that assist with Hong Kong-Canada trade; as well as the special deals related to the “Hello Hong Kong” campaign from the Hong Kong Tourism Board. Details of the event are as follows:

Date: 29 November 2023
Time: 5:30pm to 8pm (EST)
Location: BLG Ottawa, World Exchange Plaza
100 Queen Street Suite 1300, Ottawa, ON

For registration, please click: <https://ottawa.hkcba.com/events/hkcba-membership-appreciation-event-2>

HKCBA (Vancouver Chapter) Fall Networking Event

The HKCBA (Vancouver Chapter) will organize a fall networking event on November 29. It offers a perfect opportunity to exchange ideas, foster collaborations, and expand network across both Hong Kong and Canada’s vibrant business communities. Details of the event are as follows:

Date: 29 November 2023
Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm (PST)

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Location: Chinatown Storytelling Center
168 East Pender Street, Vancouver, BC

For registration, please visit <https://vancouver.hkcba.com/events/hkcba-fall-networking-event-1>

24th Hong Kong Forum

Hosted by the [HKTDC](#), the 24th Hong Kong Forum, an annual flagship event of the Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide, will be held from December 5 to 6 in Hong Kong. Every year, worldwide member associates of the Federation converge to Hong Kong to attend the two-day Forum which gives Federation members the latest insights and information on doing business in Hong Kong and Mainland China. The programme ranges from keynote address and panel discussions to networking sessions and face-to-face communication with senior executives from Hong Kong and around the world. For registration and details, please visit <https://hkforum.hktdc.com/conference/hkforum/en>

HONG KONG NEWS

Hong Kong's vibrant fintech ecosystem attracts Canadian fintech technopreneur

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) announced on November 10 that it has assisted a Canadian fintech technopreneur to set up an Asian headquarters of CoinstreetPRO (Global) Limited in Hong Kong. The group covers various areas in the digital assets space. One of their group companies, namely CSpro (Hong Kong) Limited, is the first licensed corporation specialising exclusively in security token offering services, leveraging the city's thriving fintech ecosystem and premium regulatory regime with the aim of serving professional investors in the region.

CSpro is a joint venture between Coinstreet Holdings Limited, an award-winning technology financial services group focused on the digital asset sector, and Somerley Capital Holdings Limited, a leading financial services group in Hong Kong. CSpro is the first licensed corporation approved by the Securities and Futures Commission to carry out Type 1 (dealing in securities) regulated activities specialising exclusively in the operation of a primary issuance, distribution and subscription platform for STOs to professional investors.

The Associate Director-General of Investment Promotion at InvestHK, Dr Jimmy Chiang, said that, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government is committed to building and promoting a sustainable fintech landscape. Hong Kong is the

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ideal location for digital financial services providers, like CSpro, to expand their business in the region.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/10/P2023110800224.htm>

FS attends APEC meetings in US

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministers' Meeting held in San Francisco, the United States, on November 12 and 13. He also joined the 30th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM) on behalf of the Chief Executive from November 15 to 17. On the sidelines of the meetings, Mr Chan had bilateral meetings with officials of other economies to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.

With the theme "Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All", this year's APEC focuses on three priorities: (i) being interconnected - building a resilient and interconnected region that advances broad-based economic prosperity; (ii) being innovative – enabling an innovative environment for a sustainable future; and (iii) being inclusive – affirming an equitable and inclusive future for all.

Speaking at the APEC Finance Ministers' Meeting, Mr Chan emphasised that strengthening co-operation among economies in a complex and rapidly changing global order will be beneficial to addressing various global challenges, consolidating post-epidemic economic recovery and growth, and jointly creating regional prosperity and high-quality growth. He also briefed the meeting on Hong Kong's latest economic and financial situation, as well as the HKSAR Government's drive to actively nurture new industries to create new impetus for economic development.

Mr Chan also elaborated on Hong Kong's strategies and actions in addressing climate change, in particular its progress in green and sustainable finance; and outlined Hong Kong's policy directions in promoting responsible and sustainable digital asset development, and the preparation of consultation on regulating stablecoins.

Mr Chan also attended the AELM on behalf of the Chief Executive to exchange views on issues such as promotion of regional connectivity and economic prosperity, climate change and green transformation, digital economy, realisation of greater inclusiveness and sustainable development.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/10/P2023111000434.htm>

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<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/14/P2023111400307.htm>
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/15/P2023111500399.htm>
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/16/P2023111600532.htm>
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/17/P2023111700468.htm>
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/18/P2023111800237.htm>

Meanwhile, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR Government, Mr Algernon Yau, also attended the Ministerial Meeting and related events from November 14 to 16.

At the plenary session themed “Enabling an innovative environment for a sustainable future and affirming an equitable and inclusive future for all”, Mr Yau said that APEC should further strengthen co-operation on supply chain connectivity to promote economic resilience against future shocks.

Noting that APEC should also advance real and practical co-operation to embrace digital economy as a new driving force for inclusive growth, Mr Yau called for accelerating implementation of the APEC Internet and Digital Economy Roadmap in a comprehensive manner, with bridging the digital divide at the top of APEC’s digital agenda.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/15/P2023111500165.htm>
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/16/P2023111600154.htm>

Hong Kong Legal Week 2023 successfully concludes

Hong Kong Legal Week 2023 themed “Onward & Forward: Connecting the World” successfully concluded in Hong Kong on November 10. Prominent legal and dispute resolution experts and academics from around the world were gathered at the Legal Week’s series of events to conduct in-depth discussions on a wide range of important topics, including international legal co-operation, mediation, arbitration, and opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative.

The Rule of Law for the Future was held as the finale of Hong Kong Legal Week 2023. The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, gave remarks at the opening session. The keynote speech was delivered by the Chief Judge of the High Court, Mr Justice Jeremy Poon Shiu-chor.

Hong Kong Legal Week 2023 attracted over 11 000 participants in person and online, including representatives from the legal, maritime, aviation, arts, intellectual property and

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finance sectors, as well as educators, teachers, students and representatives from youth organisations from more than 50 jurisdictions.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/10/P2023111000517.htm>

Hong Kong Maritime Week 2023

The opening ceremony of Hong Kong Maritime Week 2023 themed “Recharging the Maritime Industry”, a major annual event of the maritime and port industries in Hong Kong, was held on November 20, bringing together maritime leaders home and abroad for a week of activities that reinforce Hong Kong’s position as an international maritime centre.

Addressing the opening ceremony, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, said that the “one country, two systems” principle has bestowed upon Hong Kong its unique role as a “super connector” and a “super value-adder”, entrusting Hong Kong with the steadfast support from the Central Government and unparalleled connectivity with the world. He stressed that the National 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong’s role in the global maritime sector, with a focus on the development of high value-added maritime services.

The signature activities of Hong Kong Maritime Week 2023 included the Asian Logistics, Maritime and Aviation Conference, the 3rd World Maritime Merchants Forum and close to 50 activities organised by local, Mainland and international marine institutes. The themes range from building up the maritime talent pool, education and career, the Greater Bay Area development, green shipping, maritime insurance, maritime law and arbitration, maritime technology, ports and logistics, ship finance, ship leasing under Hong Kong’s preferential ship leasing tax regime, ship management, and shipping and maritime.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/20/P2023112000279.htm>

Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Canada suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on November 10 and 21 respectively that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of the highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in the following areas, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from these areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong:

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Saskatchewan Province

- Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley No. 285
- Rural Municipality of Huron No. 223
- Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373
- Rural Municipality of Rosthern No. 403

Quebec Province

- Arthabaska Regional County

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 20 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Canada in the first nine months of this year.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/10/P2023111000369.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/21/P2023112100304.htm>

New yearbook “Hong Kong 2022” available online

The HKSAR Government’s latest yearbook, “Hong Kong 2022”, went on sale on November 17. The online version is available for free at www.yearbook.gov.hk/2022/en/.

The publication, with a new layout and structure, provides readers with an overview of life in Hong Kong in the year 2022. In 19 chapters, the yearbook covers the administration, legislature, legal system and economy, detailing the government policies, achievements and developments in the year.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202311/17/P2023111700311.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 (DH).

Enquiries can be made to the DH 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>.

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