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UPCOMING EVENTS

Uptown Asian Festival 2024

The Canadian Asian Heritage Association, supported by the Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan Chinese Business Association, organizes the Uptown Asian Festival 2024 to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival at Richmond Green Sports Centre & Park in Richmond Hill from August 30 to September 1. This vibrant festival brings together diverse traditions and acts as a catalyst for cross-cultural understanding with shows and performances by groups with multi-cultural background. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO) is one of the supporters of this community event. For details, please visit

<https://www.onrichmondhill.com/?q=uptown-asian-festival>

2024 Moon Festival in Richmond Hill

The 2024 Moon Festival Celebration organized by the Office of Daisy Wai, Member of the Provincial Parliament (MPP), will be held at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts on September 17. Programs and activities include dancing with lanterns, Chinese Opera, storytelling, lucky draw and riddles. The HKETO is a supporter of the event.

Fête Chinoise's "Love at Mid-Autumn" Charity Campaign

The annual "Love at Mid-Autumn" charity campaign, orchestrated by Fête Chinoise and supported by the HKETO, has returned to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival which symbolises family unity and reunion. The 2024 design of the campaign is inspired by the fascinating neon lights in Hong Kong. Please visit

<https://www.fetechinoise.ca/loveatmidautumn> for more information.

RECENT ACTIVITY

Hong Kong movies showcased at 2024 Fantasia International Film Festival in Montreal

Supported by the HKETO, six movies were featured at the 2024 Fantasia International Film Festival from July 18 to August 4 in Montreal showcasing the vibrancy of Hong Kong's creative industries.

Speaking before the premiere screening of the "Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In" in Montreal on August 1, the Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, highlighted the efforts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government in supporting Hong

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Kong's movie industry and strengthening Hong Kong's role as a bridge between East and West for international cultural exchanges.

The other Hong Kong films at the Festival were "The Avenging Eagle", "A Chinese Ghost Story II", "Killer Constable", "A Legend", and "Out of the Shadow".

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-movies-showcased-at-2024-fantasia-international-film-festival-in-montreal.html>

Hong Kong movies shine in Mulan International Film Festival in Toronto

Supported by the HKETO, six Hong Kong movies are being screened at the Mulan International Film Festival in Toronto showcasing the multi-faceted movie culture and talents in Hong Kong to the Canadian audience.

Before the screening of the well-received movie "All Shall be Well" directed by Mr Ray Yeung on August 11, the Director of the HKETO, Ms Emily Mo, briefed the audience that the HKSAR Government is working hard with the film industry to create more movies that satisfy global audiences, by financing film productions, training, and participation in international film festivals.

Running from August 9 to 17, the festival also presents five other Hong Kong productions, including "Eighteen Springs", "The Arch", "Elegies", "Lust, Caution", and "Red Rose White Rose", including some were written/co-written by Eileen Chang or adapted from her works or translation.

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<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-movies-shine-in-mulan-international-film-festival-in-toronto.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

CE congratulates Hong Kong, China Delegation's historic results at Paris Olympics

With the closing of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games on August 11, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, concluded the performance of the Hong Kong, China Delegation by expressing his heartfelt congratulations to the athletes on their historic achievements and his gratitude to all sectors of the community for the strong support to the athletes.

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The HKSAR Government has been proactively allocating resources to develop elite sports in the past decade or so to ensure the provision of the best training facilities for athletes by setting up the Elite Athletes Development Fund, providing scholarships and learning support for elite athletes' dual career development in sports and academics, and improving retirement arrangements for athletes.

The Government will continue to provide more sports facilities for hosting international competitions. The Kai Tak Sports Park, the largest sports infrastructure project in Hong Kong's history, will open in the first half of 2025 and support Hong Kong's sports development in a more comprehensive manner.

A number of important sports events will also take place shortly, including the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games in late August, as well as the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games to be cohosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao towards the end of next year.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202408/11/P2024081100589.htm>

Hong Kong's sewage surveillance programme wins IWA Project Innovation Awards

The Territory-wide Sewage Surveillance Programme launched in Hong Kong was awarded the Gold Award of the 2024 International Water Association (IWA) Project Innovation Awards under the category of "Performance Improvement and Operational Solutions". The Awards Gala Dinner was held at the IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition in Toronto, Canada on August 13.

The interdepartmental team, comprising the Environmental Protection Department, the Drainage Services Department and the Department of Health, has implemented a unique territory-wide sewage surveillance programme that combated COVID-19 by using sewage surveillance to provide important data to assist anti-epidemic measures during the most severe epidemic situation in Hong Kong, and brought about significant socio-economic benefits.

Standing out from 108 submissions worldwide, this internationally recognised achievement fully acknowledges the HKSAR Government's innovative spirit and outstanding technological achievements in using sewage surveillance to help combat the epidemic.

The IWA is the world's largest professional organisation in the water sector, bringing together water professionals from 140 countries/areas to explore smart water usage and seek solutions to global water resource challenges.

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Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202408/14/P2024081400241.htm>

Hong Kong wins in APEC Energy Smart Communities Initiative Best Practices Awards Program

The award ceremony of the sixth Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Energy Smart Communities Initiative (ESCI) Best Practices Awards Program was held in Lima, Peru on August 13. A total of 62 projects from 13 APEC member economies participated in the selection. Hong Kong won one gold and two silver awards among the 10 awards this year.

The three winning projects by Hong Kong are:

- Power-hawk Inspector: a drone-based power grid defect inspector with embedded artificial intelligence (AI) using few-shot learning and federated learning, by the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC), received the gold award in the Smart Grids category.
- E&M AI Lab: Driving Digital Transformation in Building Facilities Management, by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, received the silver award in the Smart Buildings category.
- Renewable Energy and Retired EV Battery Solution for Smart Grid Integration, by the HKPC, received the silver award in the Smart Grids category.

The APEC Energy Working Group launched the biennial APEC ESCI Best Practices Awards in 2013 to recognise exemplary community-level projects that integrate renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies for sustainable development in the APEC region.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202408/14/P2024081400209.htm>

Two Japanese restaurant chains open in Hong Kong

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) announced on August 1 that Idea Co Ltd, in partnership with AEON Stores (Hong Kong), has opened its first okonomiyaki store, Tsuruhashi Fugetsu, in Hong Kong as part of its ongoing overseas expansion plan to promote authentic okonomiyaki around the world.

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Tsuruhashi Fugetsu has a history of over 70 years in Japan and specialises in okonomiyaki with unique flavour, fresh ingredients and healthy recipes. It has 72 stores across Japan and eight stores outside of Japan.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202408/01/P2024080100294.htm>

In addition, Matsuya, a renowned Japanese Gyumeshi (beef on rice) chain from Tokyo, also opens its first store in Hong Kong on August 11, demonstrating its confidence in the city's food and beverage industry.

Matsuya is a Japanese Gyumeshi chain restaurant that offers delicious and affordable Japanese dining to customers. Since its establishment in Tokyo in 1966, the brand has expanded to 1 265 stores across Japan and 18 stores overseas. Its menu features signature dishes including Gyumeshi, set meals and curry.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202408/08/P2024080700419.htm>

SCS encourages interns to join Government and serve public

The Secretary for the Civil Service of the HKSAR Government, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, on August 1 met with over 40 university students participating in the Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme. She encouraged the participants to apply for the Administrative Officer (AO) post.

Mrs Yeung strongly encouraged young aspiring people who are committed to serving the community to actively consider joining the civil service. She said that it is encouraging to note that this round of Internship Programme has attracted a record high number of applications from a total of 303 students from local, Mainland and overseas universities.

AOs play a pivotal role in the Government and are responsible for the formulation of government policies, co-ordination and monitoring of the implementation of various programmes, and management of the use of public resources.

The Civil Service Bureau organises the Administrative Service Internship Programme every summer and winter, offering students who wish to pursue an AO career an opportunity to work with serving AOs for around eight weeks, thereby gaining practical experience of government work at an early stage to facilitate future planning.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202408/01/P2024080100611.htm>

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Applications open for Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies 2025/26

The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council reminded interested applicants that the closing date for applications for its Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies (including the award for students with disabilities) for the 2025/26 academic year is September 6, 2024.

The fellowships and scholarships aim at encouraging outstanding students to pursue further studies in renowned institutions overseas. Successful candidates are expected to have a strong sense of commitment to Hong Kong and be ready to contribute to the community upon graduation.

The fellowships are for studies leading to postgraduate degrees either by research or coursework. The maximum value of a fellowship is HK\$300,000 per year, tenable for up to three years for a doctoral degree or two years for a master's degree. The scholarships are for studies leading to undergraduate degrees with the maximum value of HK\$280,000 per year, tenable for up to three years.

For details, please visit the website of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund at www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/seymf/en/whatwedo/index.htm.

Shortlisted applicants of the Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies will be invited to attend interviews in Hong Kong. The first round of interviews is scheduled for January 2025. If found suitable, applicants will be invited for a final interview to be held in February or March 2025.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202408/01/P2024073100502.htm>

Recruitment of non-locally trained dentists

Following the passage of the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2024 by the Legislative Council, the Department of Health (DH) of the HKSAR formally commenced the recruitment of non-locally trained dentists.

With the phased implementation of the amended provisions starting from 2025, qualified non-locally trained dentists will be allowed to practise in Hong Kong. Dentists who are interested in practising in Hong Kong and granted a conditional offer after the interview may submit a limited registration or special registration application to the Dental Council of Hong Kong, and upon approval directly practise at the DH.

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The deadline of submitting application for the Contract Dentist position is 23 September 2024 at 23:59 (Hong Kong time). For more details, please visit www.dh.gov.hk/english/main/main_ds/main_co.html

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/23/P2024072300506.htm>

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