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UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 New Horizon Championship Table Tennis Tournament

The 2025 New Horizon Championship – 14th Annual Charity Table Tennis Tournament hosted by the Canada-Hong Kong New Horizon Lions Club will be held on July 13. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) is the sponsor of the “Alumni Cup” for the Hong Kong Inter-school Team Category of the tournament.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.newhorizonlionsclub.org/new-horizon-championship-2025-14th-annual-charity-table-tennis-tournament/>

Starlight Chinese Opera celebrates its 25 years of legacy in Toronto

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, the Starlight Chinese Opera Performing Arts Centre will present two performances at the Flato Markham Theatre on July 19 and 20. The programmes include the classic repertoire of “Romance of the Phoenix Tower” (鳳閣恩仇未了情), and the “Little Starlets Shine with Starlight 2025” (聲輝戲曲耀梨園2025). Four professional artists from Hong Kong will participate in the performances, offering a valuable opportunity for cultural exchange and showcasing artistic excellence. The HKETO is one of the sponsors of the event.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.starlightopera.com/en/event/202504>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO celebrates cultural heritage at dragon boat festivals in Ottawa and Vancouver

The Acting Director of the HKETO, Mr Gavin Yeung, attended the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival and Vancouver’s Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival on June 20 and 21 respectively, to support two of Canada’s most anticipated summer events while promoting cultural heritage.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival on June 20, Mr Yeung highlighted that the dragon boat race signified the strong ties between Hong Kong and Canada, as this water sport was introduced to Canada from Hong Kong nearly four decades ago. The Ottawa festival, held from June 20 to 22, featured over 100 teams and thrilled spectators with high-energy races and engaging cultural programmes from across the region.

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On June 21, the HKETO continued the celebrations as Mr Yeung attended the flagship event in Vancouver. In his remarks, Mr Yeung welcomed visitors to explore Hong Kong's unique charm noting that Hong Kong is both a cultural crossroads and a dynamic global metropolis.

Besides thrilling races, both festivals also featured live concerts, vendors and food trucks, and mini-exhibitions showcasing the history of dragon boating in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-celebrates-cultural-heritage-at-dragon-boat-festivals-in-ottawa-and-vancouver.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Excellent performance of Hong Kong's higher education system showcases effectiveness of government measures

The World University Rankings 2026 published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), an international higher education organisation, announced that University Grants Committee-funded universities in Hong Kong have continued to hold top spots, with five of them staying in the world's top 100, making Hong Kong the place with the highest concentration of top-ranked universities globally (56 per cent).

The encouraging achievements not only recognise the unremitting efforts and continuous pursuit of excellence of higher education institutions but also bear testimony to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government's long-term commitment to investing in education and enhancing the competitiveness of higher education institutions.

According to the latest QS World University Rankings, the University of Hong Kong rose six places to 11th in the world, the Chinese University of Hong Kong climbed four spots to 32nd, and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology advanced three positions to 44th. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and City University of Hong Kong (CityU) also achieved outstanding results, ranking 54th and 63rd respectively.

Hong Kong has achieved remarkable performance in multiple key indicators. Hong Kong's institutions have performed far better than the international average in the International Faculty Ratio and International Student Ratio. The International Faculty Ratio of six universities ranks among the top 50 in the world. In addition, Hong Kong's institutions have performed exceptionally well in Citations per Faculty, with City University ranking second worldwide.

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In the World Competitiveness Yearbook 2025 recently published by the International Institute for Management Development, Hong Kong also ranked second globally in Education. In the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025 published on June 18, which measures global universities' success in delivering the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a number of Hong Kong universities also performed outstandingly in different fields. Among them, Lingnan University ranked top globally for SDG 4: Quality Education for the first time, showcasing exemplary performance.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/19/P2025061900538.htm>

Announcement of the sixth batch of recognised medical qualifications under Medical Registration Ordinance

In accordance with the Medical Registration Ordinance (MRO), the Registrar of Medical Practitioners (i.e. the Director of Health) of the HKSAR Government announced on June 18 the sixth batch of 22 medical qualifications recognised by the Special Registration Committee (SRC). They include those awarded by McGill University and University of Ottawa. Together with the first five batches of recognised medical qualifications announced, the SRC has so far recognised a total of 150 medical qualifications.

The MRO provides that non-locally trained doctors who possess recognised medical qualifications, subject to their fulfilment of certain criteria, may apply for special registration to practise in the public healthcare institutions in Hong Kong. After serving for a certain period, obtaining recognised specialist qualifications and passing the assessment, they will be granted full registration to practise in Hong Kong.

For non-locally trained medical graduates who possess recognised medical qualifications but have yet to undergo an internship outside Hong Kong, subject to their fulfilment of the relevant criteria, they may take the Licensing Examination of the Medical Council of Hong Kong in order to apply for special registration to practise in the public healthcare institutions in Hong Kong. They may also obtain full registration after meeting the requirements applicable to all special registration doctors.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/18/P2025061800207.htm>

HKMA and AIB partner to support emerging Asia venture capital

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment

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Bank (AIIB) signed a partnership agreement on June 26 to support venture capital (VC) in emerging Asia, marking a new milestone in deepening the ties and collaboration between the two institutions.

Under the partnership, the HKMA and the AIIB will collaborate closely to invest in a portfolio of VC funds that prioritise investments across emerging markets in Asia. The HKMA and the AIIB aim to jointly support the development of innovative technologies and business models for green and technology-enabled infrastructure in Asia's emerging economies, while promoting Hong Kong's established ecosystem for VCs and innovators across the region.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/26/P2025062600580.htm>

InvestHK hosts inaugural Low Altitude Economy Forum

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) on June 27 hosted the inaugural Hong Kong Low Altitude Economy Forum themed "Dream to the Sky". The forum brought together leaders from government, industry, academia and research sectors to explore policy direction, technological development and application prospects of the low-altitude economy (LAE). Topics discussed included regulatory frameworks, cross-boundary collaboration and infrastructure support, showcasing Hong Kong's progress in innovation and new industrial development. The forum attracted over 250 local and international stakeholders.

The forum also highlighted the immense growth potential of the low-altitude industry value chain and the critical role of government-industry-academia-research collaboration in driving innovation. Three thematic panel discussions explored topics such as low-altitude technology and innovation, infrastructure development and safety management, as well as diverse application scenarios including logistics, emergency response and urban planning, fostering cross-sector knowledge exchanges and partnerships.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/27/P2025062600608.htm>

InvestHK holds reception to welcome new companies in Hong Kong and celebrate 25 years of impact

InvestHK hosted a reception on June 24 for new establishments of international and Mainland businesses in Hong Kong attracting nearly 350 senior representatives from companies worldwide.

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Officiated at the ceremony, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, reaffirmed Hong Kong's role as a “super connector” and “super value-adder” connecting the Mainland and the rest of the world. He also encouraged companies to seize the myriad opportunities in Hong Kong to expand globally.

This year, the reception not only expressed appreciation to the attending companies for their contributions to Hong Kong, but was also held to mark a significant milestone - the 25th anniversary of InvestHK.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/24/P2025062400272.htm>

Mainland enterprises establish international headquarters in Hong Kong to “go global”

InvestHK announced on June 26 that a Mainland-listed software provider, Shanghai Information2 Software Inc, has opened its international headquarters in Hong Kong to use the city's international status and its unique advantages in connecting the Mainland with the rest of the world as the company's launch pad to expand globally.

Listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange's Science and Technology Innovation Board, Information2 Software is a leading provider of data backup and disaster recovery. The company has established over 30 outlets on the Mainland.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/26/P2025062500362.htm>

In addition, iFLYTEK - Xunfei Healthcare officially opened its Hong Kong office on June 24. As a strategic enterprise under the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises, iFLYTEK - Xunfei Healthcare plans to establish its international headquarters and global research institute in Hong Kong in hopes to drive breakthroughs through innovative algorithms and promote real-world AI applications and accelerate technological innovation advancement. The enterprise has achieved significant results in various fields, including smart education, smart healthcare, and intelligent office solutions.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/24/P2025062400746.htm>

Hong Kong Customs introduces E-form Submission for Passenger Information (Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments)

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Hong Kong Customs introduced on June 23 the [E-form Submission for Passenger Information \(Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments\)](#) (E-form) service that enables incoming and outgoing travellers to pre-fill information of a large quantity of currency and bearer negotiable instruments (CBNIs) (i.e. with a total value of more than HK\$120,000) in their possession via an easy and convenient electronic means.

Travellers can pre-fill information of a large quantity of CBNIs in accordance with the provisions of the Cross-boundary Movement of Physical Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments Ordinance (Cap. 629) and obtain a QR code before arriving in or just before leaving Hong Kong. They can then present the QR code to Customs officers for declaration when they enter or leave Hong Kong.

Regarding the declaration and disclosure requirements of CBNIs, please visit <https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/service-enforcement-information/passenger-clearance/currency-bearer-negotiable-instruments/index.html>

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/23/P2025062000603.htm>

Arrangements for Registration of Persons services after Registration of Persons - Kwun Tong (Temporary) Office to cease operation

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSAR Government announced on June 18 that the Registration of Persons (ROP) - Kwun Tong (Temporary) Office will cease to operate in October this year, as planned.

The ROP - Kwun Tong (Temporary) Office will provide identity card application services until October 11 this year and will cease to accept identity card applications thereafter. After the ROP - Kwun Tong (Temporary) Office ceases to operate, applicants who have yet to apply or collect their new identity cards are required to collect them at the ROP - Tseung Kwan O Office.

Eligible persons can also use the Personal Documentation Submission Kiosks (PDSKs) located at the Immigration Headquarters in Tseung Kwan O for identity card applications in a self-service manner, which does not require an appointment.

The ImmD appeals to residents still holding old forms of smart identity cards to replace them with new smart identity cards as soon as possible. For those who are unable to have their identity cards replaced during the specified call-up periods under the Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise due to being absent from Hong Kong, they should replace their identity cards within 30 days of their return to Hong Kong.

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<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/18/P2025061800613.htm>

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