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UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 HKCBA National Conference to discover new business horizons in Asia and Hong Kong

The 2025 National Conference, hosted by the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) Ottawa Chapter, will take place in Ottawa on September 12. This premier event brings together business leaders, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders from across Canada and Hong Kong to explore the latest trends in Hong Kong-Canada trade and investment, and to expand professional networks. Registration is now open.

Link for event info and registration:

<https://ottawa.hkcba.com/events/2025-hkcba-national-conference>

2025 Mulan International Film Festival

The 2025 Mulan International Film Festival will be held from August 8 to 17. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) co-presents with the festival eight Hong Kong films at this edition, namely:

- *Montage of a Modern Motherhood* 虎毒不 by Director Oliver Chan
- *Fly Me to the Moon* 但願人長久 by Director Sasha Chuk
- *Obedience* 十方之地 by Director Siu-pong Wong
- *Rouge* 胭脂扣 by Director Stanley Kwan
- *A Terra-Cotta Warrior* 秦俑 by Director Ching Siu-Tung
- *Kawashima Yoshiko* 川島芳子 by Director Eddie Fong
- *Farewell to my Concubine* 霸王別姬 by Director Kaige Chen
- *Green Snake* 青蛇 By Director Hark Tsui

For details of the festival and films, please visit <https://mulanfestival.com/festival-2025/>

Fête Chinoise' "Love at Mid-Autumn" Charity Campaign 2025

Fête Chinoise's annual "Love at Mid-Autumn" charity campaign has returned to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, a cherished tradition symbolising family unity and reunion. This year's campaign features a unique collector's edition mooncake tin. In addition, the organiser is launching a Mid-Autumn Art and Colouring contest. Kids of all ages across Canada are invited to participate with entries accepted until September 20. All eligible submissions will be exhibited online, and winning entries will be displayed at the finale event on September 27. The campaign is supported by the HKETO.

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

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Hong Kong movies showcased at 2025 Fantasia International Film Festival in Montreal

The HKETO supported the screenings of five Hong Kong movies at the 2025 Fantasia International Film Festival held from July 16 to August 3 in Montreal. The screenings showcased the vibrancy and creativity of Hong Kong's film industry.

Speaking before the world premiere of *"Good Game"* on July 27, the Acting Director of the HKETO, Mr Gavin Yeung, highlighted the efforts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government in supporting the development of Hong Kong's film industry and strengthening Hong Kong's role as a bridge between East and West for international cultural exchanges.

Also present at the screening was the writer and actor of *"Good Game"*, Mr Ken Law, who introduced the film before the screening and engaged with the audience during a post-screening Q&A session.

The other Hong Kong films featured at the Festival are *"Stuntman"*, *"A Chinese Ghost Story III"*, *"The Battle Wizard"* and *"Bullet in the Head"*.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-movies-showcased-at-2025-fantasia-international-film-festival-in-montreal.html>

HKETO supports Cantonese opera performances in Markham

The HKETO supported two Cantonese opera performances presented by a local Cantonese opera group on July 19 and 20.

The Acting Director of the HKETO, Mr Gavin Yeung, noted that Cantonese opera is a world-class intangible cultural heritage and a symbol of rich traditional culture and art in Hong Kong. It was officially inscribed onto the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2009. He also remarked that the HKSAR Government is committed to developing Hong Kong into an East-meets-West hub for international cultural exchange.

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To promote cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Canada, four Cantonese opera artists from Hong Kong participated in the performances, including the classic repertoire of “the Romance of the Phoenix Tower”.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-cantonese-opera-performances-in-markham.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

ICAC to complement national anti-graft policy and scale new heights following fruitful golden jubilee year

Following a fruitful year that marked its golden jubilee, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) is set to complement the country’s development and anti-graft policy, continue to combat corruption at full throttle and uphold Hong Kong’s integrity and rule of law to achieve greater success, according to the 2024 ICAC Annual Report issued on July 16.

Hong Kong ranked 17th out of 180 countries and territories in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2024 released by the Transparency International and was one of the top performers in the Asia-Pacific region. In the latest World Competitiveness Yearbook 2025, Hong Kong’s competitiveness improved by two places to the third. Under the indicator “bribery and corruption do not exist”, Hong Kong ranked fourth globally and topped the Asia-Pacific region.

The 2024 ICAC Annual Report also remarked that the Commission had strengthened collaboration with anti-corruption counterparts worldwide and contributed significantly to the global graft-fighting cause through the tripartite partnership formed with the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities and the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption.

During the year, the ICAC signed Memoranda of Understanding with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and anti-corruption agencies of six “Belt and Road” and other countries to provide a framework to deepen collaboration for combatting and preventing corruption.

For the full text of the 2024 ICAC Annual Report, please visit www.icac.org.hk/icac/annual-report/2024/

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/16/P2025071600309.htm>

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Candidates interested in applying for five civil service posts reminded to take part in Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law and National Security Law Test

The HKSAR Government announced on July 18 that the next round of recruitment exercises for the posts of AO, Executive Officer II (EOII), Assistant Labour Officer II (ALOI), Assistant Trade Officer II (ATOII) and Management Services Officer II (MSOI) will begin in September 2025.

As part of the entry requirements, applicants for these posts will need to attain:

- (a) Level 2 in the two language papers (Use of Chinese and Use of English) in the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) or other results which are accepted as equivalent;
- (b) a pass result in the Aptitude Test paper in the CRE; and
- (c) a pass result in the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) (Degree/Professional Grades).

Candidates who wish to apply for the posts mentioned above but have not attained the requisite results in CRE should apply online by August 1 to take the relevant paper(s) in the CRE tentatively scheduled to be held in Hong Kong on September 27. Candidates should also obtain a pass result in the BLNST before November 29 in order to be considered for appointment.

Candidates located outside Hong Kong such as Toronto and Vancouver can still apply for the CRE and the BLNST (Degree/Professional Grades) tentatively scheduled to be held on November 29. Application details will be announced in September.

The application details are available at the CSB webpage (www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html).

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/18/P2025071800261.htm>

Mainland sports drinks brand uses Hong Kong as regional headquarters to go global

Invest Hong Kong announced on July 16 that a renowned Mainland sports drinks brand, Jianlibao, has chosen Hong Kong as its regional headquarters, leveraging the city's role as an international business hub and a gateway to overseas markets to expand globally.

Jianlibao has recently installed over 50 vending machines across various districts in Hong Kong, making its healthy beverages easily accessible. The company also plans to launch

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a new product series in Hong Kong to increase its exposure in the market, and is actively preparing to enter the markets in Southeast Asia, Australia, Canada and the United States.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/16/P2025071500600.htm>

Congratulations to Ryan Choi on winning gold medal in World Championships

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism of the HKSAR Government, Miss Rosanna Law, on July 24 congratulated Hong Kong China fencer Ryan Choi on winning the gold medal in the Men's Foil Individual event of the 2025 Fencing World Championships. Miss Law praised Ryan's outstanding performance which demonstrated Hong Kong athletes' charm and perseverance. She said that Hong Kong people are proud of his achievement in winning Hong Kong's first ever gold medal in the Fencing World Championships.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/24/P2025072400031.htm>

Two Hong Kong teams shine at International Physics and Mathematical Olympiads

Two teams of students representing Hong Kong achieved remarkable results in the 55th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO 2025) and the 66th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO 2025).

The IPhO 2025, hosted by France, was held from July 18 to 24. A total of 415 students from 89 countries or regions competed for medals. The Hong Kong team won four gold medals and one silver medal, which is the best record ever accomplished.

The IMO 2025, hosted by Australia, was held from July 10 to 20, with the participation of 630 students from 110 countries or regions. The Hong Kong team won two gold medals, three silver medals and one bronze medal.

Members of the Hong Kong teams received specific training under the enhancement programmes arranged by the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education. The outstanding students in the programmes were selected to represent Hong Kong and participate in the above competitions. The Hong Kong teams were fully funded by the Education Bureau to join these competitions.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/25/P2025072500685.htm>

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CE attends 2025 Policy Address District Forum

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, on July 27 led his team of 21 Principal Officials to attend the 2025 Policy Address District Forum to listen to the views and suggestions of members of local communities on the fourth Policy Address of the current-term Government. About 120 people from different backgrounds attended the event.

The two-hour District Forum consisted of two sessions. In the first session, the Chief Executive and the Principal Officials listened to the views of members of the public. The matters raised straddled many areas, including land and housing, transport, innovation and technology, financial services development, culture and sports, education, youth issues, poverty alleviation, healthcare services, social welfare and more.

In the second session, participants were divided into groups centred on the themes of “pursuing development and economic growth” and “improving people’s livelihood and building our future together” to engage in more extensive exchanges with the Chief Executive and Principal Officials.

Members of the public can also give their views through various channels, including the Policy Address website, social media platforms, hotlines, email, fax and post.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/27/P2025072500776.htm>

Media partnership to showcase Hong Kong as a global hub for creativity

In partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, Gulf News has published an article looking into Hong Kong’s thriving art scene and market, as well as the factors that have contributed to its rise as a global hub for creativity.

Article: Hong Kong: A Global Hub for Creativity

Interviewees:

- Suhanya Raffel, Museum Director of M+
- Dr Maria Mok, Museum Director of Hong Kong Museum of Art
- William Lawrie, Co-founder of Dubai’s Lawrie Shabibi art gallery
- Angelle Siyang-Le, Director of Art Basel Hong Kong
- Manuel Rabaté, Director of Louvre Abu Dhabi

Link: <https://gulfnews.com/world/hong-kong-a-global-hub-for-creativity-1.500199910>

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