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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **2025 HKCBA National Conference to discover new business horizons in 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 year's programme includes two interactive panels on the market trends, business outlooks, and emerging opportunities. The event will bring together business leaders, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders from across Canada and Hong Kong to explore the latest trends in Hong Kong-Canada trade and investment. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) is one of the sponsors. Registration is open at:

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

### **“Making Waves” to showcase the creativity of Hong Kong cinema in Montreal**

“Making Waves – Navigators of Hong Kong Cinema” returns to Montreal this summer. The touring film programme will run from September 18 to 20, opening with the “Last Dance” (Extended Version). Presented by the Hong Kong International Film Festival Society in collaboration with Chicago Asian Pop-Up Cinema, the event is sponsored by the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government and supported by HKETO to highlight a new generation of award-winning and talented filmmakers with distinct voices. For event updates, please visit:

<https://www.asianpopupcinema.org/mwm25>

### **Hong Kong-Markham Tech Exchange 2025**

Co-organised by the HKETO, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) (Canada), the City of Markham, and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong-Markham Tech Exchange 2025 will be held on September 24 at York University's Markham Campus in a hybrid format. Bringing together over 100 participants worldwide, the event will explore the latest advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotics, and Property Technology, highlighting the market opportunities and innovation strategies in both Hong Kong and Canada. Admission is free. RSVP is required at:

<https://hongkongmarkham2025.blogspot.com/>

### **Fête Chinoise's “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 as well as a Mid-

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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. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.fetechinoise.ca/loveatmidautumn>

### **HKUMed's receptions in Toronto**

The LKS Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong (HKUMed) will host tea receptions in Toronto on August 23 and 24 as part of its "140 for 140 Global Recruitment Campaign" to share the Faculty's latest developments and attract top international scholars. The event will be led by Prof Lau Chak-sing, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health) and Dean of Medicine. For registration, please visit:

[https://hku.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_earRGn7qbNmU15c](https://hku.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_earRGn7qbNmU15c)

### **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

#### **Hong Kong cinema takes stage at Mulan International Film Festival in Toronto**

The HKETO supported the screenings of a curated selection of Hong Kong movies at the Mulan International Film Festival in 2025, which takes place from August 8 to 17 in Toronto. Among the anticipated titles was "Montages of a Modern Motherhood" by Hong Kong director Oliver Chan. Other Hong Kong entries include "Fly Me to the Moon" and "Obedience".

Speaking at the Canadian premiere screening on August 9, the Acting Director of the HKETO, Mr Gavin Yeung, highlighted Hong Kong's role as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange, and the HKSAR Government's commitment to fostering the development of Hong Kong's creative industry.

In addition, this year marks HKETO's full support of the festival's "Retrospective" programme, featuring five classic Hong Kong films, including "Kawashima Yoshiko (The Last Princess of Manchuria)", "Rouge", "A Terra-Cotta Warrior", "Farewell My Concubine", and "Green Snake". The programme takes viewers on a journey through cinematic interpretations of Chinese identity across generations and regions.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-cinema-takes-stage-at-mulan-international-film-festival-in-toronto.html>

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## **HKETO deepens youth engagement through summer internship programme**

University students from Hong Kong participated in a series of business, cultural and educational activities in Ontario this summer under the HKETO internship programme which aimed at providing international career exposure and fostering cross-cultural exchanges.

During the programme from June to July, the interns have participated in business seminars, networking events and company visits organised by the HKETO, InvestHK in Canada and other business partners to promote Hong Kong's unique advantages to the Canadian business sector. The programme also included academic visits to leading institutions, cultural and community projects, and a special guided tour of Queen's Park, enriching the interns' understanding of the cross-cultural landscape in Canada.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-deepens-youth-engagement-through-summer-internship-programme.html>

## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **Government releases "Report on Hong Kong's Business Environment: Unique Strengths under 'One Country, Two Systems'"**

The HKSAR Government released on July 30 the "Report on Hong Kong's Business Environment: Unique Strengths under 'One Country, Two Systems'". The report provides all sectors of the community and Mainland and overseas investors with details on Hong Kong's latest developments and strengths, comprehensively showcasing Hong Kong's open, safe, stable, efficient and internationalised business environment.

Supported by solid facts and data, the report remarked that Hong Kong's development has gained momentum in recent years. It encouraged friends and investors worldwide to fully leverage Hong Kong's unique advantages, its connections to both the Mainland and the world under the "one country, two systems" principle, its role as a "super connector" and "super value-adder", and to seize emerging opportunities.

The report also elaborated on Hong Kong's institutional advantages and explained the Government's policy priorities and achievements in promoting high-quality economic development, including continuously strengthening competitiveness, as well as its achievements in attracting capital inflows, pooling together enterprises and attracting talent. It showcased Hong Kong's latest developments and potential in finance, trade, aviation, maritime, innovation and technology, intellectual property trade, and legal services, as well as culture, sports and tourism.

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The report has been uploaded to the “Hong Kong Economy” website at:  
[www.hkeconomy.gov.hk/en/environment/index.htm](http://www.hkeconomy.gov.hk/en/environment/index.htm).

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/30/P2025073000631.htm>

### **HKTE revamps website to enable talent’s convenient search for information**

Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE) revamped its website ([www.hkengage.gov.hk](http://www.hkengage.gov.hk)) enabling outside talent to efficiently and precisely search for practical information on talent admission schemes, settling in Hong Kong and career development, and promoting Hong Kong’s unique advantages and opportunities to attract more international talent to pursue development in the city.

The revamped website features a new interface with core themes of “Work”, “Live” and “Thrive”. It also provides detailed information about Hong Kong’s unique advantages under the “one country, two systems” principle of having the strong support of the country while maintaining unparalleled connectivity with the world, as well as positioning for the development of the “eight centres”, to attract international high-calibre talent to Hong Kong to seize development opportunities.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/31/P2025073100234.htm>

### **Strategic Enterprise expands its international business headquarters in Hong Kong**

KN Group announced on July 30 the expansion of its international business headquarters in Hong Kong. The Group has doubled its office space to 16 000 square feet within a short period of time, reflecting its accelerated internationalisation and injecting strong momentum into Hong Kong’s financial and technology innovation landscape.

As one of the strategic enterprises under the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises, KN Group established its international headquarters and research and development centre in 2024. The company aims to advance Hong Kong’s ecosystem for AI and large language models, leveraging Hong Kong’s role as a strategic global platform to extend its reach across the Belt and Road Initiative and Southeast Asian markets.

Earlier, KN Group also announced a strategic partnership with local Web3 fintech company AlloyX to jointly launch the world’s first blockchain-issued fund product backed by consumer finance loans as underlying assets. The fund uses AlloyX’s on-chain

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tokenisation technology to digitally transform cash loan assets, expand capital access, and explore new possibilities for traditional consumer finance business.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/31/P2025073100820.htm>

### **International and Mainland enterprises expand footprints in Hong Kong**

InvestHK announced that Japanese drugstore chain Daikoku Drug has officially opened its first overseas outlet in Hong Kong on August 7, using the city as its regional headquarters for overseas expansion, especially into the Greater China and Southeast Asian markets. Founded in 1957 in Osaka with approximately 160 stores across Japan, Daikoku Drug offered a wide range of quality goods at competitive prices.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202508/06/P2025073000674.htm>

In addition, Montana, the brainchild of two most celebrated bartenders, Mr Lorenzo Antinori and Mr Simone Caporale, has officially opened its doors in Soho, Hong Kong. This exciting new venture brings together the creative genius behind Bar Leone, Asia's Best Bar in 2025 and second in the World's Best Bar 2024, and Sips, the third-ranked bar in the World's Best Bar 2024, to create a unique experience for cocktail enthusiasts and trendsetters alike. Located in the heart of Hong Kong, the bar offers a meticulously crafted menu of cocktails that blend tradition with innovation.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202508/01/P2025073100693.htm>

Fashion Momentum Group, a Chinese fast-fashion retailer, has opened its first athleisure store, BENLAI, in Hong Kong on August 2. This marks the group's latest efforts in using its Hong Kong regional headquarters to expand into Asia and other global markets. BENLAI is a contemporary fashion brand that combines sustainable functional fabrics with minimalist design. Its collections are tailored for diverse everyday scenarios and have gained popularity among younger consumers. The group currently operates more than 400 stores worldwide and is actively expanding its international footprint.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202508/02/P2025080100293.htm>

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## **CE listens to views at 2025 Policy Address District Forum**

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, on August 3 led his team of Principal Officials to attend the second 2025 Policy Address District Forum at a public school to continue listening to the views and suggestions of members of local communities on the upcoming Policy Address. About 120 people from different backgrounds participated in the District Forum.

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 covered the areas of land and housing, transport, innovation and technology, financial services development, culture and sports, education, youth issues, poverty alleviation and support for the disadvantaged, 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.

Members of the public are encouraged to 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/202508/03/P2025080100793.htm>

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