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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 highlight six Hong Kong movies 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>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO promotes professional exchanges in medicine between Hong Kong and Canada

The HKETO supported the professional exchange and international recruitment initiative by the LKS Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong (HKUMed) in Toronto in late August as part of its “140 for 140 Global Recruitment Campaign” to attract outstanding world-class scholars to fuel the faculty’s rapid growth in teaching and research.

Led by HKUMed’s Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health) and Dean of Medicine, Professor Chak-sing Lau, the initiative focussed on cutting-edge fields such as medical research, artificial intelligence and big data, while expanding its research collaboration with global partners.

The Acting Deputy Director of the HKEO, Janet Lam, attended the recruitment reception on August 23, which showcased HKUMed’s latest developments and innovations and fostered in-depth exchanges with local healthcare professionals, researchers and academic peers.

During its visit, the delegation also visited renowned institutions in town, including the University of Toronto, the Hospital for Sick Children and Sunnybrook Research Institute to explore opportunities for deeper collaboration.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-promotes-professional-exchanges-in-medicine-between-hong-kong-and-canada-cmclx.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Official launch of enhancement arrangements for offshore RMB bond repurchase business

The enhancement arrangements for offshore RMB bond repurchase (repo) business was officially launched on August 25.

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In July 2025, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announced enhancements to the offshore RMB repo business to support rehypothecation of bond collaterals and cross-currency repo. The enhancements have been well received by the market. At least 25 financial institutions, including all the market makers, banks, securities firms, asset management companies and hedge funds, conducted more than 60 transactions amounting to an equivalent of over RMB3 billion in different settlement currencies including RMB, HKD, USD and EUR.

The HKMA will continue working with Mainland authorities and the industry to promote offshore RMB repo business, and create more policy headroom and an enabling environment for the development of Hong Kong's offshore RMB market.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202508/25/P2025082500477.htm>

Leading Mainland energy storage battery maker lists in Hong Kong

InvestHK attended Shuangdeng Group Co, Ltd (Shuangdeng)'s listing ceremony on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on August 26. Shuangdeng is a leading enterprise in the energy storage battery business of Mainland China's big data and telecommunications industry sector.

Shuangdeng plans to use Hong Kong as its international platform to restructure its overseas presence, explore collaborative research and development (R&D) opportunities with universities in Hong Kong and strengthen sales, investment, and financing channels, thereby achieving “industry-finance integration” for the Group's international business.

Shuangdeng is also the first company of Artificial Intelligence Data Centre energy storage listed in Hong Kong. It specialises in the design, R&D, manufacturing and sales of energy storage batteries and systems.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202508/26/P2025082500580.htm>

CE visits Kwun Tong District to gather public views on Policy Address

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, visited Kwun Tong District on August 23 and listened to the views of members of the public on the upcoming Policy Address.

Mr Lee remarked that he attaches importance to various policy areas such as housing, people's livelihoods, and culture. He could better understand the needs and expectations

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of members of the public through direct engagement, which inspired him during the preparation for the Policy Address. He and his team will continue to visit different districts to listen to and consider opinions from various sectors of society, work tirelessly to pursue development and economic growth, and improve people's livelihood.

The public consultation exercise for the 2025 Policy Address was launched in mid-June. Mr Lee appealed to members of the public to actively give their views on issues of their interest to the Government.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202508/23/P2025082300439.htm>

Stablecoin-related market movements in Hong Kong

The HKMA and the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) in Hong Kong issued a joint statement on August 14 about the recent market movements in relation to stablecoins.

The HKMA reiterates that it adopts a robust and prudent approach, with a reasonably high bar, in considering applications for stablecoin issuer licence. The HKMA emphasises that an indication of interest or application for a stablecoin licence, and the HKMA's communication with the interested entities are just part of the licensing process. The granting of licence will be determined by the fulfilment of the licensing criteria.

The HKMA and the SFC urge the public to exercise caution, conduct thorough research, and refrain from making irrational investment decisions based solely on market hype or price momentum. They should remember well-considered and informed decision-making is essential to mitigate risks in times of heightened volatility.

To safeguard market integrity and protect investors, the SFC's dedicated market surveillance team, equipped with advanced and proven systems, will closely monitor trading activities in Hong Kong. It will take stringent actions against any manipulative or deceptive practices that could compromise the integrity of the market.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202508/14/P2025081400851.htm>

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