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UPCOMING EVENTS

Outstanding Women Award 2025

The Outstanding Women Award 2025, organised by the Markham, Richmond Hill & Vaughan Chinese Business Association, will be held on November 16. The event aims to recognise Asian women who are making waves in business, innovation and community leadership. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO) is one of the sponsors of the event. For details, please visit:
https://mrvcba.ca/

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO promotes Hong Kong cinema at TCCFF

The HKETO supported the world premiere of Hong Kong movie "Kung Fu Juniors" on October 18 during the Toronto Chinese Canadian Film Festival (TCCFF). World renowned action legendary Sammo Hung graced the opening night screening with veteran director Clifton Ko. Besides "Kung Fu Juniors", "An Abandoned Team" and "The Prosecutor" were also featured in the festival.

The HKETO emphasised Hong Kong's role as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchanges. Hong Kong has long been known for its cinematic legacy from action movies to crime thrillers.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative (HKSAR) Government is committed to supporting the creative industry. In the 2025–26 financial year, over HK$1.3 billion has been approved under the Film Development Fund backing more than 120 productions and nurturing over 110 new directors and producers.

Click the following link for details:
https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-promotes-hong-kong-cinema-at-tccff.html

HONG KONG NEWS

CE attends APEC meetings in Korea

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government, Mr John Lee, attended the 32nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting in Gyeongju, Korea, from October 31 to November 1 to exchange views with leaders of other economies on issues including AI development and demographic changes. This year, APEC has adopted the theme "Building a Sustainable Tomorrow", with discussions focused on "Connect", "Innovate", and "Prosper".

Speaking at the meeting, Mr Lee pointed out that the Asia-Pacific region is undergoing profound changes, from digital and green transitions to sweeping demographic changes. Mr Lee proposed that APEC member economies must remain steadfast in their commitment to multilateralism, grounded on the principles of inclusivity, equality, and cooperation; leverage the innovative power of AI as a key driver of economic growth; and make good use of APEC as a platform for expanding cooperation, unlocking new and inclusive drivers of growth.

Mr Lee also participated in the APEC Economic Leaders' Informal Dialogue with Guests and the APEC Business Advisory Council Dialogue with APEC Economic Leaders to exchange views with leaders of other economies on issues that included promoting trade and investment and fostering public-private collaboration to respond to global challenges.

The APEC member economies jointly adopted and issued the 2025 APEC Leaders' Gyeongju Declaration, which addresses the shared opportunities and challenges facing the Asia-Pacific region and expresses support for APEC as an important platform for regional economic cooperation, the strengthening of connectivity in the Asia-Pacific region, and the building of resilient supply chains.

Click the following links for details:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202510/31/P2025103100526.htm
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202511/01/P2025110100459.htm

HKMA unveils "Fintech 2030" at Hong Kong FinTech Week 2025

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) on November 3 unveiled "Fintech 2030", a forward-looking strategy for driving Hong Kong's fintech development, at the Hong Kong FinTech Week 2025.

Marking the 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's flagship fintech event, the Hong Kong FinTech Week 2025, co-organised by the HKMA and Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK), represented a significant milestone for Hong Kong's fintech development. The event showcased transformative innovation and charted the direction for the future of fintech in Hong Kong. The event attracted global participants from around the globe to share pioneering ideas, exchange insights on fintech developments, and establish valuable business partnerships.

The "Fintech 2030" focusses on four strategic pillars with a comprehensive portfolio of over 40 initiatives, including:

- Creating Next-generation Data and Payment Infrastructure
- A New Holistic “Artificial Intelligence x Authorized Institutions” Strategy
- Enhancing Business, Technology and Quantum Resilience
- Tokenisation of Finance

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https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202511/03/P2025110300313.htm

Government welcomes Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank’s plan to set up office in Hong Kong

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on November 3 announced its plan to set up an office in Hong Kong to address its growing business needs. The HKSAR Government welcomes the AIIB’s plan and is committed to assisting the AIIB in further promoting the sustainable development of infrastructure in Asia.

The AIIB was established in 2016, and Hong Kong, China has formally been an AIIB member since June 2017. As a multilateral development bank, the AIIB’s mission is to foster sustainable economic development, create wealth, and improve infrastructure connectivity in Asia by investing in infrastructure and other productive sectors. Furthermore, the AIIB encourages private investment in projects, enterprises, and activities that contribute to economic development in the region.

Click the following link for details:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202511/03/P2025110200193.htm

Global and Chinese Mainland firms expand businesses in Hong Kong

InvestHK announced on October 28 that leading global trading firm IMC Trading (IMC) has expanded its Hong Kong office located in Central and plans to grow its local team. IMC, a proprietary trading firm headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands with a global presence across Europe, the United States and the Asia Pacific, provides liquidity in futures, options, equities and Exchange Traded Funds. Since establishing its Hong Kong office in 2006, IMC has become a key player on Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and one of the top participants in the securities market. The firm leverages advanced quantitative research and AI to contribute to market liquidity and efficiency through its technology-driven strategies.

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https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202510/28/P2025102800222.htm

In addition, MKS PAMP, a global Swiss precious metals firm, inaugurated its new regional headquarters in Hong Kong on October 30, leveraging the city's position as a premier international gold trading centre to expand its footprint in the Asia-Pacific region. Building on the foundation that MKS PAMP has maintained a substantial presence in Hong Kong for many years, the inauguration of its new regional headquarters in the Central district represents the firm's strategic development to elevate Hong Kong to the status of one of the company's three global trading hubs, alongside Geneva and New York.

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https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202510/30/P2025102400555.htm

Whale TV, a leading smart TV operating system (OS) maker from Singapore, also officially opened its research and development (R&D) office in Hong Kong on October 31. Whale TV's Hong Kong office will spearhead the R&D in cloud computing and Web3 technologies, delivering more personalised entertainment experiences for users while boosting monetisation and return on investment for TV brands, advertisers and content providers. The Hong Kong team will work on advanced technology projects such as decentralised identity authentication to strengthen user privacy and engagement. Since its establishment in 2011, Whale TV partnered with over 400 global TV brands and has enabled more than 44 million monthly active households worldwide.

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https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202510/31/P2025102800310.htm

A Mainland Lanzhou beef noodle brand, Ma Ji Yong, officially opened its first store outside the Mainland in Hong Kong on October 22, marking a significant milestone in the brand's global expansion. Established in 2019, Ma Ji Yong, under Shanghai Huaqiao Catering Management Co Ltd, is a modern Chinese noodle chain brand that inherits the tradition of Lanzhou beef noodles, uses high-quality ingredients, and adopts standardised operations with modern dining environment. Currently, it has over 360 directly operated stores on the Chinese Mainland.

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https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202510/22/P2025102000455.htm

Hong Kong Customs receives two awards from UNEP for outstanding enforcement efforts

Hong Kong Customs on October 17 received two accolades at the virtual award ceremony for the 2024-2025 Asia Environmental Enforcement Recognition of Excellence (AEEE) organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The accolades include the "Impact" Award and the "Collaboration" Award that was jointly shared with the Anti-Smuggling Bureau of Shanghai Customs.

The AEEE, established by the UNEP, is conferred upon institutions and individuals that demonstrate excellent contributions to tackling transboundary environmental crimes across Asia. It is authoritative and recognised in the area of international environmental enforcement.

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https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202510/23/P2025102200328.htm

New yearbook "Hong Kong 2024" available online

The online version of the HKSAR Government's latest yearbook, "Hong Kong 2024", is available for free at www.yearbook.gov.hk. The publication provides readers with an overview of life in Hong Kong in the year 2024, covering the administration, legislature, legal system and economy, detailing the policies and achievements of the Government, as well as the developments of Hong Kong.

There are also 10 photo sections, comprising over 110 photos. In addition to the giant panda family, other sections include the triumphs of Hong Kong athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and Paris 2024 Paralympic Games; the celebrations as the People's Republic of China marked 75 years since its founding; the development of Hong Kong's Airport City; and an exploration of the newest designated country park, Robin's Nest.

"Hong Kong 2024" is also available at the online Government Bookstore at www.bookstore.gov.hk.

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https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202510/31/P2025103000520.htm

East Kowloon Cultural Centre unveiled

The East Kowloon Cultural Centre (EKCC), the first Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) performance venue committed to promoting world-class integration of arts and technology, was unveiled on November 3. It provides five performing facilities, namely, The Hall, which is ideal for large-scale events; The Theatre, with a thrust stage; The Turns, which facilitates full-wall projection; The Beats, equipped with professional audio mixing and amplifying systems; and The Lab, which is a versatile arts technology testbed studio.

The EKCC, as a new cultural landmark, is not only a major milestone in the Government's efforts to promote the development of arts and culture, but also represents a key element in consolidating Hong Kong's status as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchanges.

Click the following link for details:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202511/03/P2025110300253.htm

Monocle content partnership - booklet on 15th National Games

In partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, Monocle has published a special booklet in its November 2025 issue on Hong Kong's co-hosting of the 15th National Games and its position as a top international events hub.
Click the following link for details:
https://monocle.com/partnered-content/hong-kong-home-of-global-competition/

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