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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **12<sup>th</sup> TransPacific Entrepreneurial Conference**

The 12<sup>th</sup> TransPacific Entrepreneurial Conference, themed “TransPacific Economic Diversification: New Investment Opportunities”, will be held in a hybrid in-person and virtual format in Hong Kong, across Asia and Canada on January 28, 2026 (Hong Kong time) to promote trade and investment between Asia and Canada. Hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and jointly presented with the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association, the Conference will demonstrate how Hong Kong could serve as the best platform for growth-seeking Canadian companies, entrepreneurs, start-ups and industries of different types and sizes wishing to develop the Asian market. For details, please visit:

<https://canchamhk.glueup.com/event/12th-transpacific-entrepreneurial-conference-147762/>

### **M+’s exhibition on Chinese architecture at Canadian Centre for Architecture**

The exhibition “How Modern: Biographies of Architecture in China 1949–1979”, organised by the Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA) in Montreal in collaboration with M+ Museum in Hong Kong, re-examines the innovation and diversity of socialist-era Chinese architecture. Opening on November 20, 2025, the show runs in the CCA’s Main Galleries until April 5, 2026. For details, please visit:

<https://www.cca.qc.ca/en/events/96996/how-modern>

## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

### **New Director of HKETO visits Ottawa on first official mission**

The Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Mr Bill Wong, paid his first official visit to Ottawa on December 1 since assuming office. The inaugural trip to Ottawa reflected HKETO’s commitment to strengthening economic and trade relations between Hong Kong and Canada, and engaging closely with federal counterparts and key stakeholders.

During his trip, Mr Wong had an official visit to the Global Affairs Canada. He met with officials from the Greater China Division, during which both sides discussed topics of common interests, including bilateral trade and investment opportunities for Canadian companies.

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Mr Wong also paid a courtesy call on Senator Yuen-pau Woo. They exchanged views on Canada–Hong Kong relations, latest economic developments, and opportunities to deepen collaboration in areas benefiting both Canada and Hong Kong.

Mr Wong remarked that HKETO would continue to strengthen connections with government officials, business leaders, and community partners of various cities in Canada as part of its mandate to promote closer economic and cultural ties between Hong Kong and Canada.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/new-director-of-hketo-visits-ottawa-on-first-official-mission.html>

## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **Mourning for victims of fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po**

From November 29 to December 1, national flags and regional flags displayed at all government buildings (including offices of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government outside Hong Kong) were flown at half staff for mourning for victims of a massive fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po, Hong Kong. During this period, government officials did not attend non-essential public activities. All entertainment and celebration activities organised or funded by the Government were cancelled or postponed as appropriate.

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, together with principal officials, Non-official Members of the Executive Council and civil servants, observed a three-minute silence at 8 am on November 29 at the forecourt of the East Wing of the Central Government Offices (CGO), to mourn for the victims of the fire and express profound condolences. Subsequently, they signed the book of condolence at the CGO to pay tribute to the victims.

During the mourning period, condolence points were set up in all 18 districts for the public to sign condolence books to mourn the victims.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202511/29/P2025112900248.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202511/30/P2025113000032.htm>

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## **Government pledges multi-sector support following tragic Hong Kong blaze**

The HKSAR Government is going all out to support victims and investigate the cause of the massive fire at Wang Fuk Court.

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, emphasised that the Government attaches high importance to the well-being of the affected residents, focusing not only on immediate relief aid but also their various long-term living needs. As a top priority, the Government immediately started providing support across multiple areas, including financial aid, accommodation, medical assistance and counselling.

The Support Fund for Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po has been set up with an initial HK\$300 million injection from the Government. As at noon December 2 (Hong Kong time), the fund has raised a total of HK\$2.3 billion, including HK\$2 billion from donations. The fund will be used to assist the residents in rebuilding their homes and providing long-term and sustained support, including families of each deceased victim receiving HK\$200,000 as a token of solidarity as well as HK\$50,000 to cover funeral costs. The HKSAR Government has also established an online platform ([www.taipodonation.hk](http://www.taipodonation.hk)) to receive donations from organisations and members of the public.

In view of the fire resulted in multiple casualties, Mr Lee on December 2 also announced that an independent committee, headed by a judge, will be established to conduct a comprehensive and in-depth review to examine the cause of the fire and related issues, reform the building works system, and prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

For the latest updates, please visit the Government's one-stop dedicated website: [www.taipofire.gov.hk](http://www.taipofire.gov.hk).

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/02/P2025120200910.htm>

## **Latest arrangements on 2025 Legislative Council General Election**

On December 2, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, announced that the 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council General Election would be held on December 7 (Sunday) as scheduled.

Mr Lee remarked that only by enabling the new Legislative Council Members to assume their duties promptly can the government advances post-disaster reconstruction, follow-up support, recovery efforts, and the necessary legislative reviews and reforms more swiftly and effectively.

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Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/02/P2025120200868.htm>

## **Hong Kong Maritime Week**

Global leaders from the shipping world have converged for Hong Kong Maritime Week (HKMW) 2025, the ninth edition of the week-long series of events held under the overarching theme of “Navigating to a Greener Future” from November 16 to 22.

HKMW provides a high-level platform for policymakers, senior representatives of international organisations as well as industrial luminaries and practitioners to share their perspectives and exchange views on various topics of interest to the global maritime industry. With over 50 events organised by more than 70 international, Chinese Mainland and local organisers, the 2025 edition has drawn a record of over 18,000 participants from around the globe.

Speaking at the opening ceremony on November 17, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, urged stronger international collaboration to overcome challenges and forge a more sustainable future for maritime industries.

Hong Kong ranks fourth, globally, in the International Shipping Centre Development Index for six consecutive years and is home to more than 1,200 port and maritime-related companies. By harnessing the power of AI, blockchain, cloud computing and other cutting-edge technologies, Hong Kong is developing a Port Community System to be launched in January 2026. It will enable real-time cargo tracking and facilitate data exchange across transport modes, boosting trade and capital flows digitally, opening up new opportunities, from trade financing to more efficient customs declaration.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.media-outreach.com/news/hong-kong/2025/11/20/429312/hong-kong-maritime-week-setting-sail-for-a-greener-future/>

## **Hong Kong Fashion Fest**

Presented by the HKSAR Government and spearheaded and sponsored by the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency (CCIDA) of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of the HKSAR Government, the second edition of Hong Kong Fashion Fest on November 25 presented two cross-over flagship programmes with the Paris Fashion Week and Milan Fashion Week respectively, namely “Play, Pose & Pixel: Digital Fashion Exhibition” and “Fashion to Reconnect: A Tale of Two Style Capitals”, continuing to position Hong Kong as a glamorous global stage for fashion and cultural exchange.

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These two flagship programmes complemented each other and embodied CCIDA's mission and strategy of "bringing in" and "going out". They convened local and international creative talent to foster cross-disciplinary collaboration, activated iconic urban spaces, and engaged the public in fashion experiences. They also highlighted the core themes of Hong Kong Fashion Fest - East-meets-West exchanges, creative technology and sustainable practices.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202511/25/P2025112500568.htm>

### **Mainland semiconductor materials technology start-up uses Hong Kong as headquarters**

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) announced on November 21 that Dynano Semiconductor Technology Company Limited from the Chinese Mainland has officially established its headquarters in Hong Kong. The start-up aims to efficiently integrate the Mainland's manufacturing capacity, Hong Kong's international capital, and overseas cutting-edge technology, creating a synergistic model of research and development in Hong Kong, pilot production in the Greater Bay Area, and expanding into globe markets.

The start-up has successfully completed seed and angel rounds of funding last year.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202511/21/P2025112000468.htm>

### **Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Canada suspended**

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on December 1 that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in areas in Canada, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the areas below with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

Province of Alberta  
Lethbridge County

Province of Saskatchewan  
Rural Municipality of Fish Creek No. 402  
Rural Municipality of Corman Park No. 344

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Province of Québec  
Val-d'Or City

A CFS spokesman said that in the first nine months of this year, no poultry meat or eggs were imported into Hong Kong from Canada.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/01/P2025120100533.htm>

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