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UPCOMING EVENTS

12th TransPacific Entrepreneurial Conference

The 12th 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/>

HKCBA Annual Lunar New Year Galas 2025

The HKCBA (Toronto Section) will organise the 2026 annual Lunar New Year Gala to celebrate the Year of the Horse on February 21. Activities include traditional Chinese games, lion dance, live entertainment, silent auction, photo booth and lucky draw etc. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) is a sponsor of the event. For details, please visit:

<https://toronto.hkcba.com/cpages/home>

In addition, the HKCBA's Calgary and Vancouver Sections will host the 2026 annual Lunar New Year galas on February 6 and 26 respectively, featuring lively performances such as lion dance. The event in Calgary will also host an award ceremony honouring HKCBA Calgary Scholarship winners. The HKETO is a sponsor of the galas. For details, please visit:

<https://calgary.hkcba.com/events/hkcba-lunar-new-year-gala-2026>

<https://vancouver.hkcba.com/events/hkcba-vancouver-40th-annual-spring-gala>

HONG KONG NEWS

APEC Finance Ministers' Meeting 2026 will be held in Hong Kong

China will be the host of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in 2026. The Central Government announced on December 12 that the APEC Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM) 2026 will be held in Hong Kong for the first time in October 2026.

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As the host of APEC 2026, China will be responsible for preparing for and chairing the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, as well as a series of ministerial and other meetings next year.

The Hong Kong Special Administration Region (HKSAR) Government will spare no effort in making comprehensive and meticulous preparations to support the country in successfully hosting APEC 2026. Hong Kong will seize the opportunity of the FMM to deepen international exchanges and co-operation, better integrating into and serving the overall national development. The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury will lead a dedicated task force for co-ordinating relevant planning and preparatory work.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/12/P2025121200307.htm>

Large-scale international aviation exhibition and conferences conclude in Hong Kong

Hong Kong marked a significant milestone in regional aviation by hosting two large-scale international exhibition and conferences, the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation Asia Pacific Conference 2025 and the Airspace Asia Pacific 2025. Concluded on December 8 and 11 respectively, these two important international events demonstrated Hong Kong's status as an international aviation hub.

Themed "Seamless Asia Pacific Airspace - Aviation and Meteorology Integration" and "Shaping the Future of Asia Pacific's Skies", the exhibition and conferences featured multiple keynote sessions and panel discussions focusing on exploring the most significant challenges and opportunities in air traffic management. Topics covered the low-altitude economy, green aviation, AI and climate challenges, etc.

The events have brought together over 2 000 decision-makers from air navigation service providers, professionals, regulatory bodies, and innovative technology companies from around the world, and also attracted over 70 exhibitors presenting cutting-edge technologies in air traffic management, low-altitude traffic management, AI applications, and emerging aviation technologies.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/11/P2025121100218.htm>

RGC holds inaugural Research Summit

The Research Grants Council (RGC) held its inaugural Research Summit, titled "Forging Frontiers: Shaping the Future of Knowledge and Discovery" on December 11, with the

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support of all eight University Grants Committee-funded universities in Hong Kong. The Summit highlighted the research impacts and achievements of Hong Kong's higher education and to deepen international exchanges and co-operation.

Speaking at the opening session, the Secretary for Education of the HKSAR Government, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, emphasised that synergies arising from international and interdisciplinary collaborations are conducive to Hong Kong's development and benefit, not only for the city, but also for the nation and the world. Hong Kong welcomes more outstanding students and young researchers to Hong Kong and inject new energy into the academic community, fostering a vibrant environment.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/11/P2025121100287.htm>

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Kuala Lumpur commences operation

The HKETO of the HKSAR Government in Kuala Lumpur has commenced operation on December 10.

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR Government, Mr Algernon Yau, remarked that the Kuala Lumpur HKETO is the fourth one established by the HKSAR Government in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region, after Singapore, Jakarta and Bangkok. This will help strengthen Hong Kong's economic and trade ties with ASEAN and relevant countries, thereby consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's status as an international trade centre.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/10/P2025121000249.htm>

CE commends athletes of Hong Kong, China for outstanding performance in 12th NGD and 9th NSOG

The 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities (NGD) and the 9th National Special Olympic Games (NSOG) concluded on December 15. The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, commended the athletes of Hong Kong, China for their outstanding performance, showcasing remarkable determination and excellent sportsmanship, and extended his congratulations on their achievements.

Mr Lee remarked that the athletes had fully demonstrated personal perseverance and team spirit, achieving historic and encouraging results with a total of 140 medals, including 51 gold, 49 silver, and 40 bronze medals in taekwondo, athletics, table tennis, swimming, boccia, wheelchair fencing, badminton, NSOG athletics, NSOG bocce, NSOG

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swimming, NSOG basketball, NSOG football, NSOG table tennis and NSOG badminton, and a mass participation event of para dance sport.

This year's Games were jointly hosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao for the first time, with Hong Kong hosting four competition events and one mass participation event.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/15/P2025121500585.htm>

Commencement dates of Eighth Term LegCo and 2026 legislative session

The HKSAR Government announced on December 8 that the eighth Legislative Council of the HKSAR has been successfully formed, as all 90 seats have been filled following the smooth completion of the election on December 7.

In accordance with section 4(3) of the Legislative Council Ordinance, the Chief Executive in Council has specified January 1, 2026, as the commencement date of the Eighth Term Legislative Council of the HKSAR. The 2026 legislative session will begin on the first Wednesday after the President of the Legislative Council of the HKSAR is elected.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/08/P2025120800316.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/08/P2025120800434.htm>

The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong commences operations

The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong (CMHHK) has commenced operations in phases on December 11, offering outpatient and day-patient services, fully launching six specialised Chinese medicine services, along with 12 special disease programmes in the first year.

In response to the keen public demand for government-subsidised outpatient services, the CMHHK will increase the quota for members of the public to book government-subsidised general outpatient services in the first month.

It marks a significant milestone in the development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong, signifying the progression of Hong Kong's Chinese medicine to go beyond primary healthcare and play a part in secondary and tertiary healthcare services.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/11/P2025121100320.htm>

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In addition, the permanent premises of the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute under the Department of Health, located adjacent to the CMHHK, has commenced phased operations.

With advanced technology and equipment, the new premises will enhance the ability to develop Chinese medicines testing methods and standard development capabilities, as well as supporting the comprehensive and high-quality development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/10/P2025121000355.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 9 that in view of notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District of the Province of British Columbia in Canada, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the area with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong. In the first nine months of 2025, 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/202512/09/P2025120900641.htm>

Euronews content partnership on culture, sport and heritage

In partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, Euronews, a multilingual news TV channel in Europe, has produced a five-minute TV segment highlighting Hong Kong's cultural, artistic and sporting strengths as the city hosts major events and celebrates centuries-old traditions. The segment is aired in 13 languages including the English and French versions accessible through the links below:

Title: Hong Kong blends culture, sport and heritage in a year of major events

English: <https://www.euronews.com/2025/11/28/hong-kong-blends-culture-sport-and-heritage-in-a-year-of-major-events>

French: <https://fr.euronews.com/2025/11/28/des-jeux-nationaux-a-la-danse-du-dragon-hong-kong-celebre-sa-culture-son-sport-et-son-patr>

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