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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 (HKCBA), the Conference will demonstrate how Hong Kong serves as the best platform for growth-seeking Canadian companies, entrepreneurs, start-ups and industries of different types and sizes wishing to develop the Chinese Mainland and Asian markets. For details, please visit:

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

HKCBA Annual Lunar New Year Galas 2026

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 in Toronto (HKETO) is a sponsor of the event. For details, please visit:

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

In addition, the HKCBA’s Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Montreal and Vancouver Sections will host the 2026 annual Lunar New Year galas on February 5, 6, 7, 19 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://www.hkcba.com/event_list?current_page=1&sort_type=upcoming&filter%5Bperiod%5D=all&display_type=default

Fête Chinoise to celebrate the Lunar New Year at its 2026 Signature Event

Aptly themed “Bold New Beginnings,” the 2026 edition of the annual Signature Event by Fête Chinoise will return on February 7 to celebrate Chinese heritage and foster community connections. Blending design, live performances, culinary artistry and cultural activities, the evening will showcase an exceptional lineup of artists, including Zoe Siu, an acclaimed Hong Kong-based knot designer; and Master Hui Ka-hung, an esteemed

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artisan skilled in traditional paper crafting. The HKETO is a sponsor of the event. For details, please visit
www.fetechinoise.ca

York University's annual Chinese Culture Day

York University's Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies will host its annual Chinese Culture Day on February 11, aiming to celebrate the Lunar New Year and promote Chinese literature and culture in the Greater Toronto Area, while strengthening cultural exchange and collaboration between Hong Kong and Canadian academic and artistic institutions. The HKETO is a supporter of the event. For registration, please visit:
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=GBNTNBFw1EH8KQ4FsSb0DU80mEDFrZKkR-7B1wuPhIUQzNKVjlyMFcyU0RCUzZQM1o2WTJFNINIVi4u&route=shorturl>

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InvestHK hosts Chinese Medicine Forum to drive global expansion of Chinese medicine

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) on January 8 hosted the Chinese Medicine Forum, bringing together leaders from government, academia and industry for comprehensive discussions on research translations, clinical practices and standards development. The Forum showcased Hong Kong's strengths in driving Chinese medicine enterprises' global expansion, attracting the participation of over 150 industry stakeholders.

With the launch of the first Chinese Medicine Development Blueprint by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government and the opening of the Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong (CMHHK), the focus on modernisation and international development of Chinese medicine continues to grow. InvestHK hosted the Forum to spark discussions on Chinese medicine and actively attract and support enterprises to develop in Hong Kong, through providing one-stop support services to assist companies in expanding to overseas markets, achieving international certifications, and establishing regional headquarters.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202601/08/P2026010700499.htm>

In addition, CMHHK and the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute held the "Flagship in Motion · Connecting the World" Launch Ceremony on January 13. Officiated by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, the ceremony drew a number of national officials, as well as over 300 guests, including representatives from the local

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Chinese and Western medicine sectors to witness Hong Kong entering a new stage in the development of Chinese medicine.

Located in Tseung Kwan O and occupying a site of about 42 900 square metres, CMHHK is the first Chinese medicine hospital in Hong Kong. Its construction is fully funded by the HKSAR Government, with the Hong Kong Baptist University commissioned as the contractor to set up an operator in accordance with the service deed to manage, operate, and maintain the hospital.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202601/13/P2026011300497.htm>

Department of Health's Medical Device Administrative Control System receives ISO 9001:2015 certification

The Medical Device Administrative Control System (MDACS) of the Department of Health (DH) of the HKSAR Government has been awarded the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems (QMS) Certificate, developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The achievement of the MDACS in obtaining this international standard marks an important milestone in laying the foundation for the establishment of the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation by the DH. This accomplishment will facilitate international recognition and foster an innovation-friendly environment.

The ISO accreditation, which covers all aspects of the MDACS (including pre- and post-market control), will strengthen confidence among industry professionals both in Hong Kong and internationally, as well as among the general public. It will encourage more medical device manufacturers and importers to voluntarily list their medical devices with the MDACS.

ISO 9001 is an internationally recognised QMS standard developed by the ISO. It assists organisations in establishing consistent procedures to ensure their products and services consistently meet customer and regulatory requirements, ultimately enhancing customer satisfaction and promoting sustainable business development.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202601/05/P2026010500427.htm>

Government updates Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

The HKSAR Government has updated Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP), which sets out the strategies and priority actions for the next 10 years to protect nature and support sustainable development, protect Hong Kong's biodiversity and

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contribute to national and global efforts towards the goal of achieving harmony between humans and nature.

The updated BSAP puts forward four strategic areas, namely nature conservation, deepening mainstreaming, capacity building, and collaborative partnering, which include a total of 30 priority actions and 81 priority projects. The HKSAR Government looks forward to continuing collaboration with various sectors in the community to strengthen Hong Kong's biodiversity conservation, enabling sustainable development.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202512/31/P2025123100202.htm>

Hong Kong to host 2026 INTERPOL General Assembly

Hong Kong will host the 94th International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) General Assembly in 2026, bringing global police chiefs from around the world and highlighting Hong Kong's strategic importance in global policing. It will be the first time for the General Assembly to be hosted in the HKSAR and the third time in China.

The selection of Hong Kong as the host city highlights the country's trust in the HKSAR and underscores Hong Kong's strategic importance as an international "super connector" in global policing.

The General Assembly is the governing body of INTERPOL, at which police chiefs and ministers of its 196 member states gather to discuss global security issues and foster collaboration.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.media-outreach.com/news/hong-kong/2026/01/05/441443/hong-kong-to-host-2026-interpol-general-assembly/>

Canadian multimedia theatrical film production to be staged at East Kowloon Cultural Centre

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the HKSAR Government will present the "Cheers!" Series, featuring the Canadian multimedia film production, "The Storyville Mosquito" at the Hall of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre (EKCC) on February 6 and 7.

"The Storyville Mosquito", created by renowned Canadian multitalented artist Kid Koala, highlights themes of dreams, inner voices, personal growth, love and friendship. The work is a multisensory feast that is simultaneously a play, a film, and a concert. Each show is performed, filmed, projected and scored in real time with detailed miniature sets, puppetry,

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cinematography and a musical performance, while a movie about a mosquito's musical adventure will play live in one continuous take. This one-of-a-kind family-friendly programme is also part of the EKCC's opening season lineup.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202601/06/P2026010500289.htm>

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