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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **2026 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala**

Hosted by the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE), the annual ACCE Awards Gala will be held on March 28. The event provides a platform to recognise Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs who have started their business and contributed to Canada, while also fostering the spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation and corporate citizenship. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) is the sponsor of ACCE's Best Asia Pacific Business Award, which acknowledges the Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs who have successfully expanded their businesses into the Asia Pacific region through Hong Kong. For details, please visit:

<https://www.acce.ca/new/2026-acce-chinese-canadian-entrepreneur-awards/>

### **2026 HKCBA National Conference in Edmonton**

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association will host the 2026 National Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, from May 7 to 8. This dynamic, high-impact conference will provide fresh insights into the latest Hong Kong-Canada business developments and opportunities for accessing the global marketplace. The conference will also feature an exceptional lineup of expert speakers, including senior executives, industry leaders and government representatives, who will share valuable perspectives and strategic insights on business growth and expansion leveraging the Hong Kong platform. HKETO is one of the major sponsors.

For details and registration, please visit:

<https://edmonton.hkcba.com/events/hkcba-annual-national-conference-and-luncheon-2026>

## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **Manulife expands investment and commitment in Hong Kong**

Manulife (International) Limited plans to expand investment and operation in Hong Kong, following its re-domiciliation to Hong Kong last December. The plan includes further increase in Artificial Intelligence (AI) investment and posting its Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer, Asia, to Hong Kong, fully demonstrating its unwavering confidence in Hong Kong as an international financial centre and a hub for AI development.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr Christopher Hui, extended a warm welcome. He remarked that Manulife's AI investment expansion plan would help drive digital

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transformation and innovation application in the insurance industry. It also showcases Hong Kong's regional leadership in the "finance + AI" field, while reaffirming the city's strategic importance within the group's global business portfolio. The initiative will surely inject new momentum into the local fintech ecosystem.

The HKSAR Government and regulator have made notable achievements in attracting investment for the insurance industry in recent years. Apart from Manulife, the Insurance Authority also announced on March 3 the grant of authorisation to the captive insurer set up in Hong Kong by the China National Nuclear Corporation. There are currently seven captive insurers in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/23/P2026032300323.htm>

### **Global Talent Summit Week held in Hong Kong**

The flagship events of the Global Talent Summit Week (GTS Week), the International Talent Forum and the CareerConnect Expo, organised by Hong Kong Talent Engage, were held from March 18 to 19. Nine satellite events including regional conferences, recruitment fairs and corporate award ceremonies continue to take place across the city until March 29. Under the theme "Connecting Global Minds", the GTS Week brought together experts from government, business and academia from Hong Kong and abroad to discuss future trends and strategies within the talent ecosystem.

2010 Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences, Professor Christopher A Pissarides, delivered a keynote speech on the future of work in a changing world. He remarked that it is essential to promote lifelong learning and help talent prepare for the future. As a global financial and trade centre, Hong Kong can leverage the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area's advantages as a hub for innovation hardware and industrial AI to attract more young talent and build itself into an international innovation and technology centre.

The two-day programme also featured plenary sessions and thematic panel discussions, facilitating exchanges on topics including talent strategies, innovative technology and the synergistic development between education and industry.

In addition, the CareerConnect Expo was held to feature five thematic zones and bring together about 70 enterprises, education and technology institutions, and government departments to update the participants with the latest industry insights and diversified support services, showcasing opportunities in Hong Kong and other cities of the Greater Bay Area.

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<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/18/P2026031800637.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/19/P2026031900348.htm>

### **Global family office leaders gather for Wealth for Good in Hong Kong Summit**

The fourth edition of the Wealth for Good in Hong Kong (WGHK) Summit, co-organised by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK), successfully concluded on March 24.

This year's Summit featured one fireside chat and three panel discussions. The opening fireside chat on "Beyond the Scoreboard: Sports, Philanthropy, and Building Lasting Legacies" explored how sports and philanthropy can complement each other to create positive impacts. The three panel discussions, themed "Family Office Playbook: Governance, Capital, and Values Across Generations", "Lasting Culture: Owning Demand, Building Communities, Creating Legends", and "Lasting Change: AI, Robotics, and Building the Future Together", invited helmsmen of internationally renowned family businesses, brand leaders, and tech pioneers to delve into cross-generational wealth planning and family governance, brand building, and how cutting-edge technologies are co-building the future.

A number of heavyweight guest speakers also shared their insights on the future of the family office ecosystem, facilitating cross-sector dialogues and exploration of potential collaborations, and further consolidating Hong Kong's position as a leading global family-office hub.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/23/P2026032300484.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/24/P2026032400614.htm>

### **CE attends Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in Hainan**

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee attended the Global Free Trade Ports Development Forum at the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2026 in Hainan on March 24.

Addressing the Forum, Mr Lee remarked that the National 15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan fully supports the high-quality development of the Hainan Free Trade Port, and Hong Kong will continue to complement the Hainan Free Trade Port and pursue mutual benefits, working together to promote free trade.

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Mr Lee also stressed that Hong Kong remains steadfastly committed to free trade and multilateralism and will continue to expand its global trade network.

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<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/24/P2026032400318.htm>

### **InvestHK and FEHD collaborate to support Mainland enterprise in launching Hong Kong's first smart catering robot**

InvestHK collaborates with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government to facilitate China Resources Enterprise Property Investment Company Limited (CREP) in launching Hong Kong's first smart catering robot. The robotic system provides instantly prepared hot meals around the clock, with fully automated operations that handle ordering, reheating and meal dispensing, applying AI technology to local food and beverage retail scenarios.

Founded in 2000, CREP currently owns a portfolio of commercial properties in Hong Kong. As a one-stop overseas expansion service platform, CREP recently has assisted the Chinese Mainland enterprise brands and products in going global, while providing higher quality services and products for Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/15/P2026031200564.htm>

### **GoGlobal Task Force thematic website supports Mainland enterprises going global via Hong Kong**

The Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force) launched a thematic website ([www.goglobal.gov.hk](http://www.goglobal.gov.hk)) on March 20, offering one-stop information and professional support for the Chinese Mainland enterprises seeking to expand into overseas markets via Hong Kong. It aims to assist enterprises in making effective use of Hong Kong's various international advantages in planning and implementing their go-global strategies and exploring new opportunities.

The GoGlobal Task Force thematic website consolidates key information including the GoGlobal Task Force's support services; promotional events held on the Chinese Mainland and in Hong Kong; success stories of the Chinese Mainland enterprises going global via Hong Kong; practical resources; and the first phase of the cross-sector professional services platform by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

The platform brings together service providers from Hong Kong in the major sectors of

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finance, legal, accounting, branding and marketing, logistics, communication technology, infrastructure and real estate, and testing and certification. It will match the Chinese Mainland enterprises with suitable Hong Kong service providers, offering one-stop professional support for their global expansion.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/20/P2026031800546.htm>

### **Memorandum of administrative arrangements on the establishment of UNIDROIT Asia-Pacific Liaison Office signed**

The Secretary for Justice of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Lam, SC, and the Secretary-General of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), Professor Ignacio Tirado, signed a memorandum of administrative arrangements (MAA) concerning the establishment of the UNIDROIT Liaison Office for the Asia-Pacific Region in the HKSAR at a virtual signing ceremony on March 12. It is the first regional presence of UNIDROIT outside its seat in Rome in its 100 years of history.

The signing of the MAA is an important step in implementing the establishment of the Liaison Office in Hong Kong, marking that the relevant work is proceeding at full speed. The Liaison Office is expected to open in November 2026.

UNIDROIT is an independent intergovernmental organisation with 65 member states from five continents. It studies the needs and methods for modernising, harmonising and co-ordinating private and, in particular, commercial law among states and groups of states and to formulate uniform law instruments, principles and rules to achieve those objectives.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/12/P2026031200459.htm>

### **Hong Kong delegation achieves remarkable results at International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva**

The 51<sup>st</sup> International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva was held from March 11 to 15 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Hong Kong delegation, comprising 44 organisations including local universities, research and development centres, technology companies, government departments, and primary and secondary schools, has won nearly 300 prizes, including a record high number of 12 Special Awards with The Oasis One International Limited also winning the Grand Prix, as well as 57 Gold Medals with Congratulations of Jury and 98 Gold Medals, setting the encouraging best record for the Hong Kong delegation. The International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva is the world's largest invention exhibition.

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<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/15/P2026031500772.htm>

### **Immigration Department expands self-application services**

The Immigration Department of the HKSAR Government announced on March 20 that the service scope of the Personal Documentation Submission Kiosks (PDSKs) has been expanded to cover more eligible applicants for Hong Kong identity cards and HKSAR passports in a self-service manner at the PDSKs.

Starting from March 23, eligible person aged 18 or above may submit their replacement applications for lost or damaged identity cards and passports at the PDSKs without the need to make an appointment. The PDSKs are located at the Immigration Headquarters in Tseung Kwan O.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202603/20/P2026032000457.htm>

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