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HKETO JOB VACANCY

Applications are invited for the post of Temporary Financial Accounting Assistant at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO). The suitable applicant should be a college diploma holder with at least 3 years of relevant working experience; must be legally eligible to take up employment in Canada and proficient in English and Chinese.

The successful applicant will be appointed on a three-month contract initially, with the possibility of extension. Contract gratuity will be granted upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to info@hketotoronto.gov.hk on or before April 26, 2026.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/assets/pdf/jd/HKETO-TFAA.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

PowerUp Pitch Competition 2026 hosted by PULSE@HKCBA

The PowerUp Pitch Competition hosted by the PULSE committee of the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) (Toronto Chapter) will be held on April 29. Supported by the HKETO, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) in Canada, the competition serves as a platform for Canadian startups to showcase their innovative business ideas, competing for valuable prizes and seizing growth opportunities in Hong Kong and beyond.

For details, please visit:

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

2026 HKCBA National Conference in Edmonton

HKCBA will host the 2026 National Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, from May 7 to 8. Titled "Global Growth Starts Here: Leveraging Hong Kong for Canadian Success", the conference will provide 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

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and strategic insights on business growth and expansion leveraging the Hong Kong platform. The 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

HKSAR and United Nations Industrial Development Organization sign joint statement on collaboration to advance industrial development, innovation and digital transformation

The Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau (ITIB) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government and United Nations Industrial Development Organization issued a joint statement on April 14 on collaboration to advance industrial development, innovation and digital transformation.

A co-operative framework will be established to strengthen information sharing and exchange of best practices to advance industrial innovation, technology transfers and capacity development, including exploring the joint development of a centre of excellence on global advanced manufacturing and artificial intelligence (AI) in Hong Kong.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/14/P2026041400586.htm>

InvestHK hosts advanced therapy products forum to champion biomedical innovation

On April 17, InvestHK hosted the forum on “Advanced Therapy Products Opportunities in Hong Kong and Beyond”, gathering over 170 leading scientists, industry leaders, and regulatory authorities from around the world.

The forum showcased Hong Kong’s ascending status as a world-class hub for biomedical commercialisation, specifically within the revolutionary fields of cell and gene therapy. The forum concluded with thematic panels focusing on homegrown Chimeric Antigen Receptor T treatment breakthroughs, market access strategies through real-world studies, and the maturation of local Contract Development and Manufacturing Organisation capabilities. These discussions proved that Hong Kong possesses the requisite infrastructure to turn scientific blueprints into globally recognised cures.

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For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/17/P2026041600650.htm>

Business of Innovation and Technology Week showcases Hong Kong's technological and innovative edge

The Business of Innovation and Technology Week (BIT Week), organised by the ITIB of the HKSAR Government, made a grand return at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in April. A series of mega innovation and technology (I&T) events were held, including the government-funded flagship event, InnoEX; the World Internet Conference Asia-Pacific Summit, and the kick-off ceremony of the Hong Kong/Shanghai Co-operation Open Data Challenge 2026 (HSODC 2026).

The fourth edition of InnoEX, co-organised by the ITIB and the HKTDC, brought together I&T elites, enterprises and buyers from the Chinese Mainland and overseas to jointly promote I&T advancements and explore global collaboration opportunities. It showcased cutting-edge technology solutions across five key areas: AI+, robotics, the low-altitude economy, property technology and retail technology. A highlight of the event was the Smart Hong Kong Pavilion, themed “AI+ Hong Kong”, set up by the Digital Policy Office (DPO), showcasing over 100 technology solutions contributed by over 20 government departments and public organisations that benefit both the public and businesses, as well as outstanding award-winning projects by the local I&T sector and students from the Hong Kong ICT Awards.

The World Internet Conference Asia-Pacific Summit, themed “Digital and Intelligent Empowerment for Innovative Development - Jointly Building a Community with a Shared Future in Cyberspace”, focused on the latest developments of innovation and application of AI agents, digital finance, digital government and intelligent health, attracting around 1 000 local and overseas participants from governments, enterprises and international organisations.

Another I&T highlight was the kick-off ceremony of HSODC 2026 jointly organised by the DPO and the Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Data. Themed “Co-creating a Data Industry Platform for the Two Cities”, this year’s competition is based on open data of the governments of the two places and their latest urban development needs. It reflects the search for open data resources that drive social development while exploring collaborative models for open data and industry data. The HSODC 2026 is now open for registration until June 15.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/14/P2026041400243.htm>

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<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/13/P2026041300450.htm>
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/16/P2026041500560.htm>

For HSODC, please visit:
<https://www.hkshadata.org/en>

Report on "Navigating the Green Shift: Opportunities and the Evolving Landscape of Transition Finance"

The Hong Kong Institute for Monetary and Financial Research, the research arm of the Hong Kong Academy of Finance, released a new Applied Research report on April 17, titled "Navigating the Green Shift: Opportunities and the Evolving Landscape of Transition Finance".

It is found that 60 per cent of survey respondents had already been active in or exploring transition finance developments. The market outlook is cautiously optimistic, with 74 per cent of respondents anticipating a stable or growing global transition finance market over the next three years. Positive sentiment is most pronounced in the Asia-Pacific region, where 91 per cent of respondents expected stability or growth. The study outlines several considerations, including maintaining a high level of regulatory and policy clarity, and deepening regional collaborations, to support the development of a vibrant transition finance ecosystem in Hong Kong.

For details, please visit:
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/17/P2026041700316.htm>
<https://www.aof.org.hk/docs/default-source/hkimr/applied-research-report/tfrep.pdf>

Visa-on-arrival access to Sri Lanka for HKSAR passport holders

The HKSAR Government has received notification from the Embassy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the People's Republic of China that HKSAR passport holders who apply online for an Electronic Travel Authorisation prior to visiting Sri Lanka may obtain an entry visa for a stay of up to 30 days upon arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport of Sri Lanka.

As Sri Lanka is along the Belt and Road, under the Belt and Road Initiative, this visa-free arrangement will bring greater travel convenience to HKSAR passport holders and strengthen tourism, cultural and economic ties between Sri Lanka and Hong Kong.

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Including Sri Lanka, 175 countries/territories have granted visa-free access or visa-on-arrival to HKSAR passport holders.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/13/P2026041300293.htm>

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