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## **HKETO JOB VACANCY**

Applications are invited for the post of **Deputy Head of Business and Talent Attraction / Investment Promotion (Toronto)** at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO). Reporting to the Head of Business and Talent Attraction / Investment Promotion, the successful applicant will be responsible for identifying, attracting and supporting companies to set up or expand in Hong Kong by engaging in strategic planning and execution of investment promotion activities, visits to top level executives of leading companies and providing assistance to potential investors in Canada.

The suitable applicant should be a Bachelor's or higher degree holder, preferably in business administration, economics and finance, international relations, or international marketing & communications with a minimum of 5 years of relevant working experience. Proficiency in French and/or Putonghua would be an advantage. He/she must be legally eligible to take up employment in Canada without arrangement of a work visa by the employer.

The successful applicant will be appointed on an initial one-year contract on non-civil service contract term, with the possibility of extension. Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to [info@hketotoronto.gov.hk](mailto:info@hketotoronto.gov.hk) on or before May 29, 2026 (Toronto time).

For details, please visit:

[https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/assets/pdf/jd/jd\\_DHIP.pdf](https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/assets/pdf/jd/jd_DHIP.pdf)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (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 and strategic insights on business growth and expansion leveraging the Hong Kong platform. The HKETO is one of the major sponsors.

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For details and registration, please visit:

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

### **2026 Chinese Arts & Literary Festival**

The Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto will host the Awards Ceremony of the 2026 Chinese Arts and Literary Festival on May 18. The festival aims to deepen participating students' understanding of Chinese cultural heritage, and promote appreciation and respect for cultural diversity. There are four categories of competitions related to the Chinese culture, namely reciting, painting, calligraphy and musical instruments. The HKETO is one of the sponsors.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.cccgt.org/calf/>

### **2026 Kung Fu Film Festival**

The Kung Fu Film Festival (Canada) 2026, presented by Canada Hong Kong Intercultural Association and Southern Film Culture Foundation, will run from May 30 to 31. Sponsored by the HKETO, the event aims to introduce the Chinese martial arts to Canadian audiences and foster deeper cultural dialogue between Canada and Hong Kong through cinema. The festival will feature seven Hong Kong kung fu movies this year. The titles will be officially announced later.

For details, please visit:

<https://chkia.org/2nd-kung-fu-film-festival/>

## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

### **HKETO encourages young entrepreneurs to seize opportunities in Hong Kong**

The Director of the HKETO, Mr Bill Wong, attended the “PowerUp Pitch Competition”, hosted by the HKCBA (Toronto Chapter) on April 29. The competition provided a platform for Canadian startups in artificial intelligence (AI) and data science, smart city, and health-tech sectors to showcase innovative business ideas and explore expansion opportunities in Hong Kong and the wider Asia-Pacific region.

In his opening remarks, Mr Wong highlighted Hong Kong's rapid transformation into a leading smart city, driven by the widespread adoption of AI, robust digital infrastructure, open data initiatives, and technology-enhanced public services. He added that Hong

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Kong Science and Technology Parks and Cyberport, together with the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park, provide comprehensive support to startups.

Encouraging participants to look beyond Canada, Mr Wong urged young entrepreneurs to take advantage of Hong Kong's dynamic innovation ecosystem and consider the city as a strategic base for scaling their businesses into Asia.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-encourages-young-entrepreneurs-to-seize-opportunities-in-hong-kong.html>

## **HONG KONG NEWS**

### **First batch of fund managers selected of Innovation and Technology Venture Fund enhanced scheme**

The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government on April 23 announced the selection of the following nine companies as the first batch of fund managers of the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund (ITVF) enhanced scheme:

- CC SIF Advisory Limited
- Cloudview Asset Management Limited
- CMB International Asset Management Limited
- Cowin Asset Management (HongKong) Limited
- Dalton Venture Hong Kong Limited
- Gobi Admiralty Limited
- Templewater Hong Kong Limited
- Tsinghua Innovation Ventures (Hong Kong) Limited
- Waterwood Asset Management Limited

The ITVF enhanced scheme aims to leverage more market capital to invest in local innovation and technology (I&T) start-ups through a top-level design. The enhanced scheme provides practical experience and reference for the HKSAR Government to introduce more market-oriented investment tools in the future.

Selection of the nine fund managers was made from 65 applications received based on the applicants' background, team experience, investment strategy and processes, investment performance, fee structures and their industry network and support both in and outside Hong Kong, and after consulting the ITVF Advisory Committee.

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For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/23/P2026042300339.htm>

### **HKMA and banking sector introduce new round of measures to support SMEs**

Recent tension in the Middle East has triggered significant fluctuations in international oil prices and fuelled greater uncertainties in the global economy. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), together with the banking sector, introduced on April 29 a new round of support measures to assist local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in navigating the current fast-changing market environment, including:

- Increase dedicated funds set aside for SMEs
- Offer credit relief to affected sectors
- Expedite the approval process for applications under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme
- Introduce loans with flexible repayment for SMEs' transformation
- Deepen the use of fintech and data to assist SMEs in obtaining bank financing

Since 2024, the HKMA and the banking sector have launched three rounds of SME support measures to assist SMEs in different industries in coping with uncertainties surrounding the external environment and challenges arising from economic transformation. To date, these support measures have benefitted SMEs in over 89 000 cases, involving an aggregate credit limit of more than HK\$209 billion.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/29/P2026042900583.htm>

### **Global Fast Track 2026 opens for applications expanded eight-vertical line-up and new online market readiness programme**

InvestHK on May 4 announced that applications are now open for the ninth edition of the Global Fast Track (GFT) 2026 until September 25. For the first time, the flagship initiative will cover eight major verticals and introduce a new Online Market Readiness Programme, alongside an upgraded pitching competition. They include:

- FinTech & InsurTech
- Applied AI for Financial Services
- Green FinTech, Sustainability & GreenTech
- Blockchain & Digital Assets
- HealthTech & Life Sciences

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- AI & Robotics
- PropTech & Transport
- Consumer, HospitalityTech & Creative Industries

These enhancements provide a platform for innovative technology companies to showcase their solutions, while offering more diverse and flexible pathways to leverage Hong Kong as a launchpad for expansion into Asian and international markets. Since its inception, GFT has supported over 1 000 companies from more than 70 economies, providing meaningful exposure to a regional network of corporates, investors, professional service providers and community partners.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/04/P2026050400244.htm>

### **Air-Land Fresh Lane extends to Macao**

A shipment of live lobsters weighing 986 kilograms arrived in Hong Kong on April 22 by air from Canada was immediately transhipped by a cross-border refrigerated truck across the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) directly to Macao. This marks the first consignment of overseas fresh products delivered to Macao via Hong Kong utilising the Fresh Lane, realising a seamless "Overseas-Hong Kong-Macao" one-stop delivery.

The extension of the Fresh Lane to Macao was attributed to the concerted efforts and co-operation of the governments of Hong Kong and Macao. This was the first time that Hong Kong Customs applied the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Three-Places-One-Lock Scheme (Hong Kong-Macao Section) to the Fresh Lane, implementing closed-loop management with real-time monitoring throughout the entire process by using the same e-lock and GPS devices.

The Air-Land Fresh Lane was fully launched in September 2025, aiming to utilise the strengths of Hong Kong International Airport and the HZMB to facilitate overseas fruits, chilled and live seafood being imported into the Chinese Mainland with streamlined customs clearance while empowering high-quality fresh products from the Mainland to go global, thereby developing the HZMB into a "green channel" for fresh products.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/23/P2026042300571.htm>

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## **Chief Executive attends groundbreaking ceremony for HKUST Medical Education and Research Complex**

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) Medical Education and Research Complex on April 28, marking a new phase in the establishment of the third medical school.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Lee said that the new medical school will ensure better quality, greater efficiency and higher capacity in local healthcare and medical services, adding that the HKSAR Government will ensure that the school and its teaching hospital become a key pillar of Hong Kong's medical teaching and service system.

Located in the HKUST's Clear Water Bay campus, the Medical Education and Research Complex is one of the core facilities of the new medical school. It is expected to be completed by mid-2028 to admit the first cohort of students in the same year, and it will serve as an interim campus before the permanent campus in the Northern Metropolis is completed. A site in Ngau Tam Mei in the Northern Metropolis has also been reserved for the permanent campus of the new medical school, and for the development of an integrated medical teaching and research hospital.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/28/P2026042800459.htm>

## **SFST attends Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting in Uzbekistan**

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (SFST) of the HKSAR, Mr Christopher Hui, attended the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from May 3 to 5.

At the meeting, members discussed the impacts and implications of the current situation in the Middle East as well as the work of the ADB and the engagement of member countries and regions. Mr Hui said that while the ADB has an important role to help members transition toward a greener and more diversified global value chains structure, Hong Kong, as an international financial centre, a global technology hub, and a leader in green and sustainable finance in Asia, stands ready to support the ADB in achieving the latter's mission. Members can utilise Hong Kong's various financial offerings for diversification of funding sources, including green and catastrophe bonds, risk management tools as well as gold reserves and delivery.

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting is "Crossroads of Progress: Advancing the

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Region's Connected Future", aiming to advance practical solutions in connectivity, digital innovation and innovative finance with a view to strengthening the region's capacity for resilient and sustainable growth.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/04/P2026050400230.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/05/P2026050500308.htm>

### **Hong Kong Geopark retains global geopark status**

The 224<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board of UNESCO concluded on April 23. During the session, it was officially confirmed that Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark (Hong Kong Geopark) has passed the revalidation and was awarded a certificate, allowing it to retain its global status for a further four-year period.

Hong Kong Geopark was designated as a National Geopark of China in 2009 and joined the Global Geoparks Network in 2011. Following the formalisation of the Geopark Programme by UNESCO in 2015, it was renamed Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark. According to the guidelines, all UNESCO Global Geoparks must undergo a revalidation process every four years to assess their progress across various dimensions and ensure compliance with the high standards of UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Hong Kong Geopark is located in the eastern and northeastern parts of Hong Kong, comprising the Sai Kung Volcanic Rock Region and the Northeast New Territories Sedimentary Rock Region. Visitors can explore 13 designated attractions and two boat tour routes within the Geopark.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/24/P2026042400544.htm>

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

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on May 4 that in view of notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in the Rural Municipality of Buffalo No. 409 in Saskatchewan Province 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.

According to the Census and Statistics Department, in the first three months of this year, no poultry meat or eggs were imported into Hong Kong from Canada.

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<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/04/P2026050400543.htm>

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