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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 on or before May 29, 2026 (Toronto time).

For details, please visit:

https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/assets/pdf/jd/jd_DHIP.pdf

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Festival aims to foster deeper cultural exchange between Canada and Hong Kong through the following seven Hong Kong kung fu movies:

- Blades of the Guardians: The Hidden Protector 鏢人 (2026)
- The Shadow's Edge 捕風追影 (2025)
- Stuntman 武替道 (2024)
- I Am What I Am 2 雄獅少年 (2021)
- Ip Man 4 葉問 (2019)

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- Born to Defence 中華英雄 (1988)
- The Way of the Dragon 猛龍過江 (1972)

For details, please visit:

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

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO supports 2026 National Conference in Edmonton to strengthen Hong Kong-Canada business ties

The 2026 National Conference, hosted by the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) and supported by HKETO, was held in Edmonton on May 8.

In his welcome remarks, the Director of the HKETO, Mr Bill Wong, said that despite an ever-changing geopolitical landscape, Hong Kong can promise security and development. With its commitment to free trade, a robust legal system, and a transparent regulatory environment that ensures free flow of goods and capital, Hong Kong provides a level of stability and security that few other international hubs can match, and has always been the springboard to the vast Chinese Mainland market.

The 2026 National Conference, themed “Global Growth Starts Here: Leveraging Hong Kong for Canadian Success”, featured a keynote address by the President of ChemBioPower, Dr Antonio Anselmo, along with two panel discussions on Hong Kong’s advantages on market developments. Mr Christopher Chen, Head of Business and Talent Attraction of Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK), was among the panel speakers briefing participants on the business opportunities in Hong Kong and the support available to Canadian enterprises.

The event brought together 200 business leaders, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders from across Canada and Hong Kong.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-2026-national-conference-in-edmonton-to-strengthen-hong-kong-canada-business-ties.html>

HKETO Director visits Vancouver for business promotion

The Director of the HKETO, Mr Bill Wong, visited Vancouver from May 10 to 14 for business promotion.

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Speaking at the business seminar titled “Capital Without Borders: Unlocking Trans-Pacific Opportunities” organised by the HKCBA (Vancouver Chapter) on May 13, Mr Wong updated attendees that under the “*one country, two systems*” principle, Hong Kong continues to offer stability, legal certainty, and strong financial infrastructure, reinforcing its position as one of the world’s top three international financial centres and is on the way to become a premier gold and commodity trading hub.

Mr Wong also pointed out that Hong Kong offered many unique advantages for family offices to operate. Describing Hong Kong as a “safe haven” for investors, Mr Wong encouraged attendees to consider allocating more assets to Hong Kong.

During the visit, Mr Wong paid courtesy calls on the Member of Parliament, Mr Taleeb Noormohamed; the Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth of British Columbia, Mr Ravi Kahlon; and the Mayor of Prince George, Mr Simon Yu, to exchange views on issues of mutual interest. He also met with the management team of the Beedie School of Business at Simon Fraser University to discuss talent attraction initiatives.

In addition, Mr Wong joined Invest Vancouver: Tech Advantage Tours and attended the large-scale technology conference Web Summit to learn more about the region’s latest technology landscape. He also attended a panel discussion titled “Climate Global 2026: Connecting Canadian Climate Tech to the World”, at which the visiting Senior Vice President (Sustainability) for Innovation and Technology of InvestHK, Ms Olivia To, spoke on leveraging Hong Kong’s ecosystem to support global green technology growth across the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the broader Asian market.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-visits-vancouver-for-business-promotion-z4yhu.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

IMF commends Hong Kong’s resilient economic growth

Following the completion of the 2026 Article IV Consultation with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Staff Mission published the Concluding Statement on May 15, outlining the assessment on Hong Kong’s economic and financial situation.

The Mission notes that Hong Kong’s economy has continued to recover, supported by robust technology-related exports, improving private demand and a rebound in financial market activity.

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The Mission reaffirms Hong Kong’s role as an international financial centre and a “super connector”, particularly as a leading fundraising hub and a premier offshore Renminbi centre. The Mission also acknowledges that policy initiatives, including the development of the Northern Metropolis, are conducive to the development of innovation and high-value services in Hong Kong, supporting economic growth and structural transformation.

In addition, the Mission considers Hong Kong’s fiscal stance in 2026 as appropriate given the current economic conditions, while supporting a focus on achieving stronger medium-term consolidation to rebuild fiscal reserves and address rising spending pressures.

The Mission visited Hong Kong from March 16 to 27, 2026, with discussions held with HKSAR Government officials, financial regulators and private sector representatives.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/15/P2026051500609.htm>

International and Chinese Mainland brands land in Hong Kong

InvestHK on May 15 welcomed the opening of Xventure, a new indoor active sports park in Hong Kong. Spanning a 20 000-square-foot facility in Kornhill Plaza, Quarry Bay, the Singapore-created concept features 26 high-energy challenges that blend physical sports, interactive entertainment, and digital technology. The massive venue features nine distinct themed zones packed with diverse attractions. Highlights include an 8-metre slide park, a suspended high-altitude rope course, a ninja warrior obstacle run, a high-energy jump arena, and an interactive “tech-meets-sports” digital playground. The highly anticipated Hong Kong launch will serve as a strategic regional springboard for the brand’s planned future expansions into Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/15/P2026051300617.htm>

Separately, InvestHK announced on May 19 that Gelray, a women’s homewear brand from the Chinese Mainland, has opened its first store in Hong Kong and established the regional headquarters in the city to expand into the Southeast Asian market. Gelray offers a range of products spanning loungewear, lingerie, shapewear, yoga wear and sportswear.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/19/P2026051900280.htm>

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HKMA launches CargoX Pilot Programme

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) on May 7 announced the launch of the CargoX Pilot Programme. Through a series of innovative projects with 21 participating banks, the HKMA will take deep dives into cargo and trade data use cases, leveraging the Commercial Data Interchange data infrastructure, with a view to advancing trade finance digitalisation and unlocking greater trade finance availability for Hong Kong's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

In collaboration with relevant government agencies and industry stakeholders, the HKMA is actively taking forward the 20 recommendations under the Data, Infrastructure and Connectivity pillars set out in the "Project CargoX Recommendation Report" published in January this year. The Pilot Programme will take a step forward by facilitating the iterative validation of cargo and trade data initiatives through a series of pilot transactions.

The integration of cargo and trade data will transform banking operations and trade finance processes, thereby assisting SMEs, particularly importers and exporters, in addressing the existing pain points in obtaining financing.

In 2026 and 2027, a number of pilot projects will focus on four key areas, including integrating with key cargo and trade data platforms, combining SME trade flow and cash flow data for banks' multi-dimensional credit assessment, adopting Digital Corporate Identity to enable trusted data sharing, and enhancing connectivity with key trade corridors.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/07/P2026050700591.htm>

Secretary for Health attends 79th World Health Assembly in Geneva

On May 18, the Secretary for Health of the HKSAR Government, Professor Lo Chung-mau, attended the 79th World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland, as a member of the Chinese delegation.

The theme of this year's Assembly is "Reshaping Global Health: A Shared Responsibility". The key discussions covered universal health coverage, prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, antimicrobial resistance, health emergency preparedness and response, mental health and social connection, standardisation of medical devices nomenclature and the International Health Regulations.

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During his visit in Geneva, Professor Lo took the opportunity to exchange views with senior officials of the WHO and other member states on public health-related issues.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/19/P2026051800233.htm>

Meanwhile, the WHO on May 19 awarded the World No Tobacco Day Award to Professor Lo in recognition of Hong Kong's achievements in tobacco control. The WHO marks May 31 as World No Tobacco Day annually to raise public awareness of the harmful effects of smoking and second-hand smoke, and to discourage the use of tobacco products in any form. Every year, the WHO selects individuals or organisations from members of each of the six WHO regions that have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in tobacco control for the Award, in recognition of their achievements and contributions.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/19/P2026051900975.htm>

Hospital Authority Convention brings together healthcare professionals worldwide to share knowledge on clinical advances

The three-day Hospital Authority (HA) Convention 2026 was held from May 11 to 13 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, in both in-person and online formats. More than 9 000 local, Chinese Mainland and overseas healthcare professionals and academics, together with approximately 200 distinguished speakers exchanged professional insights, clinical advances and experience on various healthcare topics, achieving record-high participation levels.

The HA Convention this year focused on the HA's core values, namely People-centred Care, Professional Service, Committed Staff and Teamwork, with topics on healthcare development and sustainability, chronic disease management, cancer treatment, palliative care and advance directives.

Other sessions included topics on the application of artificial intelligence and robotics in healthcare, personalised medicine, medical training, advance care planning, medical-social collaboration and preparedness for major events, with the aim of promoting modernised healthcare service models and facilitating exploration and discussion of contemporary concepts among healthcare professionals and stakeholders.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/11/P2026051100175.htm>

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