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UPCOMING EVENTS

International Dragon Boat race festivals in Ontario

The 38th **Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival** organised by the Toronto Chinese Business Association will be held on the Centre Island from June 13 to 14. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO) is one of the key supporters of the Festival. Visitors can learn more about the history of dragon boat at the designated Hong Kong Pavilion. For details, please visit: <https://www.dragonboats.com/>

In addition, the **Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival** will return at the Mooney's Bay Park from June 19 to 21. Onsite activities include boat racing, free concerts, family fun events, silent auction, and a wide variety of displays including an exhibition about Hong Kong's dragon boat history. HKETO is one of the sponsors of the event. Check out the detailed schedule at <https://dragonboat.net/>.

Hong Kong Showcase@Lavazza IncluCity Festival 2026

Presented as part of the Lavazza IncluCity Festival, the immersive exhibition organised by the Italian Contemporary Film Festival will run from June 25 to July 25 at the Illuminarium in the Distillery Historic District. For the first time, AiRTIFICIAL VISIONS, a break-through immersive exhibition, will bring together a select group of internationally acclaimed AI-driven artists, including Bianca Tse from Hong Kong. HKETO is proud to be one of the community partners supporting the event. For details about the screenings and academic conversations, please visit: <https://icff.ca/>.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO supports second edition of Kung Fu Film Festival

HKETO supported the second edition of the Kung Fu Film Festival which presented screenings of seven martial arts movies in Richmond Hill and Scarborough on May 30 and 31 to celebrate Hong Kong's kung fu cinema heritage and its influence on global film culture.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director of HKETO, Mr Bill Wong, remarked that HKETO is committed not only to strengthening economic ties between Hong Kong and Canada, but also to deepening people-to-people connections through arts and culture. Through the selected kung fu films, Hong Kong brings entertainment to Canadian audiences and also shows that kung fu is not only about action on screen - it is also about respect, perseverance, and character. These are values that Hong Kong embraces.

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The two-day festival curated a selection of seven Hong Kong martial arts films, namely “The Shadow’s Edge”, “The Way of the Dragon”, “Ip Man 4”, “Stuntman”, “Born to Defence”, “Blades of the Guardians”, and “I Am What I Am 2”.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-second-edition-of-kung-fu-film-festival.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Hong Kong tops cross-boundary wealth management centre in the world

According to the Global Wealth Report 2026 published by the Boston Consulting Group on May 27, Hong Kong is the world’s largest cross-boundary wealth management centre. The Report projects that, from 2025 to 2030, the cross-boundary wealth managed by Hong Kong will grow by nine per cent on average annually and maintain first place globally, fully affirming Hong Kong’s position as a world-leading cross-boundary wealth management centre.

Asset and wealth management is a priority growth area for the financial services industry of Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government achieved early in September 2025 the target of facilitating at least 200 Family Offices (FOs) to set up operations or expand their business in Hong Kong by the end of 2025, and will strive to further facilitate at least 220 FOs to establish operations in Hong Kong from 2026 to 2028.

In addition, the New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme has been steadily attracting global high-net-worth individuals and capital inflows to Hong Kong. As of end-April 2026, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) has received nearly 3 600 applications, representing an anticipated investment value of about HK\$108 billion for the city, demonstrating Hong Kong’s competitive edge in the global investment landscape and the market’s confidence in Hong Kong.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/27/P2026052700809.htm>

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HKSAR Government welcomes Ministry of Finance's inaugural issuance of Renminbi sovereign green bonds in Hong Kong

The HKSAR Government welcomes the announcement made on May 29 by the Ministry of Finance of the issuance of Renminbi (RMB) green sovereign bonds totalling RMB6 billion, which will be listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. The offshore RMB green bonds issued, with tenors of three years and five years, were warmly received by the market, with total subscriptions amounting to RMB62.4 billion - 10.4 times the issue size.

All proceeds raised from the bond issuance will be applied to eligible green expenditures under the central fiscal budget in accordance with the People's Republic of China Sovereign Green Bond Framework.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/29/P2026052900511.htm>

International and Chinese Mainland brands debut in Hong Kong

InvestHK announced on June 2 that **Manteigaria**, the Portuguese bakery brand renowned for its freshly baked Pastéis de Nata (original Portuguese egg tarts), has officially opened its first Hong Kong store in Central. Founded in Lisbon, Portugal, Manteigaria is part of Portugália Restauração, a restaurant group with over a century of heritage. Manteigaria currently operates over 20 bakeries across Portugal, France, Macao and Spain. Driven by strong confidence in Hong Kong's vibrant culinary sector, Manteigaria plans to open six locations across the city by the end of 2027.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202606/02/P2026052800537.htm>

Meanwhile, **JudyDoll**, a trending cosmetics brand from the Chinese Mainland, has opened its first physical store in Hong Kong. Founded in 2017 by Shanghai-based Joy Group, JudyDoll appeals to young consumers with its creative use of colour and product quality. The brand also offers Halal-certified products to tap into markets with diverse cultural backgrounds. Regarded as a pioneer among the Chinese Mainland cosmetics brands in expanding into overseas markets, JudyDoll's footprint spans Canada, Japan, Southeast Asia, Australia, and the Middle East.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202606/01/P2026060100467.htm>

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SCED calls on APEC member economies to join hands in promoting regional economic integration

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR, Mr Algernon Yau, attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting in Suzhou from May 22 to 23.

Speaking at the session entitled “Build an Open and Predictable Regional and Multilateral Trade and Economic Order”, Mr Yau called on the APEC member economies’ continued support for the multilateral trading system to deepen regional economic integration.

He also stressed that as part of its efforts to contribute to the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific agenda, Hong Kong is actively seeking early accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. He noted that Hong Kong’s accession would add concrete impetus to regional economic integration.

At the discussion session entitled “Foster New Engines of Innovative and Dynamic Trade and Investment Cooperation”, Mr Yau highlighted the importance of sustainability and technological advancement in reshaping the global trade landscape and economic growth, and shared with fellow trade ministers Hong Kong’s efforts and key directions in this regard.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/22/P2026052200743.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/23/P2026052300305.htm>

Hong Kong Judiciary announces initiative to establish Hong Kong International Commercial Court

The Judiciary of the HKSAR announced on May 28 the plan to establish the Hong Kong International Commercial Court (HKICC), a specialist division of the High Court, to adjudicate complex, high-value international and cross-border commercial disputes. Its establishment will strengthen Hong Kong’s standing as both an international financial centre and a leading international dispute resolution hub, in alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan.

The establishment of the HKICC marks a significant development in Hong Kong’s judicial system under the “one country, two systems” principle. It represents its firm commitment to judicial excellence and professionalism, and to strengthening Hong Kong’s position as

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a highly respected forum for dispute resolution, thereby reinforcing its enduring role within the global legal and commercial community.

The Judiciary aims to establish the HKICC within the coming year. Preparatory work is under way, and stakeholders, in particular the legal profession, will be consulted in due course.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/28/P2026052800253.htm>

CE extends congratulations on successful launch of manned Shenzhou-23 spacecraft

The Long March 2F Y23 carrier rocket carrying the Shenzhou-23 manned spaceship was launched at 11.08pm on May 24 at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. The spaceship was successfully separated from the rocket and entered the predetermined orbit.

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, warmly extended his congratulations on the successful launch and remarked that this mission is of great significance, as it is not only the first manned spaceflight mission during the 15th Five-Year Plan period, but also the first time for a payload expert from the HKSAR, Dr Lai Ka-ying, to participate in it. All citizens of Hong Kong are thrilled and proud.

After entering orbit, the spacecraft will dock and rendezvous with the space station as planned. The Shenzhou-23 crew will conduct on-orbit rotation with the Shenzhou-21 crew. The crew, including Dr Lai, will stay in the space station and conduct multiple experiments and applications in various fields such as scientific applications.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/24/P2026052400263.htm>

Hong Kong team achieves excellent results at Asian Physics Olympiad

A team of eight students representing Hong Kong achieved excellent results at the 26th Asian Physics Olympiad (APhO 2026), winning one gold medal, six bronze medals and one honourable mention.

The APhO aims to promote physics education as well as to nurture and inspire students who are exceptionally talented in physics. The APhO 2026 was held in Korea from May 17 to 25. Over 200 contestants from 27 countries or regions participated in the competition.

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For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/27/P2026052700507.htm>

Import of poultry meat and products from Special Area No. 4 of Province of Alberta in Canada suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on May 29 that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Special Area No. 4 of the Province of Alberta 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 to protect public health in Hong Kong.

No poultry meat or eggs were imported into Hong Kong from Canada in the first three months of 2026.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202605/29/P2026052900603.htm>

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