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UPCOMING EVENTS

SummerWorks Performance Festival

The 36th SummerWorks Performance Festival, to be held from August 6 to 16 in Toronto, will feature 27 live performances and 7 workshops and panel discussions by international artists and creative collaborators, including those from Hong Kong. In partnership with CanAsian Dance and Toronto Dance Theatre, the Festival will present the Collision Project, featuring *“Good Boy, Bad Girl”* and *“Spin and Click”*, works-in-development by four Hong Kong-based artists from Unlock Dancing Plaza at the Winchester Street Theatre on August 9, followed by a public talk and laboratory exchange the following week. The Festival fosters international exchange and strengthens sustained cross-cultural collaboration between Hong Kong and Canada. This project is supported by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO).

For details, please visit:

<https://summerworks.ca/2026-summerworks-festival-programming/>
<https://summerworks.ca/show/collision-project-spin-and-click/>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Hong Kong movies highlighted at 2026 Fantasia International Film Festival

HKETO, together with the Film Development Fund, and the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency under the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), supported the screenings of five Hong Kong films at the 2026 Fantasia International Film Festival in Montreal held from July 16 to August 2.

Speaking before the screening of *“Unidentified Murder”* on July 18, the Director of HKETO, Mr Bill Wong, said that HKETO is committed to supporting Hong Kong film screenings in Canada to showcase the vibrancy of Hong Kong’s creative industries, and play its roles as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange.

Mr Wong added that film is an art form that will transcend borders, connect diverse cultures and tell stories that resonate with people from all walks of life. He warmly invites audiences, distributors, and industry partners across Canada to discover Hong Kong cinema and collaborate with the city’s vibrant creative sector to explore business opportunities.

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The other Hong Kong films featured at the Festival are: *“Blades of the Guardians”*, *“The Delinquent”*, *“The Hong Kong Godfather”*, and *“City War”*.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hong-kong-movies-highlighted-at-2026-fantasia-international-film-festival.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Consultation on proposed enhancements to tax concession regime for corporate treasury centres

The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) and the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) of the HKSAR Government on July 27 launched a public consultation on proposed enhancements to the tax concession regime for corporate treasury centres (CTCs). The public consultation will last until September 4.

In June this year, the HKSAR Government published the Action Plan to Promote the Development of CTCs in Hong Kong (Action Plan), which sets out a "4T" framework covering (i) tax revamp, (ii) tax agreements, (iii) targeted promotions, and (iv) talent and dialogue, with a view to attracting more multinational corporations to establish CTCs in Hong Kong, and enabling existing CTCs operating in Hong Kong to scale up their operations and fully leverage the city's comprehensive financial ecosystem.

Following the direction of tax revamp under the Action Plan, the consultation paper proposes the introduction of a tiered regime for CTC tax concessions. The proposed regime is designed to provide eligible corporations with more comprehensive tax benefits, greater tax certainty, and enhanced compliance flexibility.

The FSTB and the IRD welcome views from the public on the proposals on or before September 4. The consultation paper is available on the webpage of the FSTB at: <https://www.fstb.gov.hk/fsb/en/publication/consult/doc/ctcConsultEn.pdf>.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/27/P2026072700391.htm>

Mainland Chinese brands choose Hong Kong as go-global hub

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) on July 16 welcomed the launch of the Jianlibao Charity Foundation in Hong Kong by renowned Chinese Mainland sports drink giant Jianlibao. The enterprise has secured the exclusive title sponsorship of the next two editions of the

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Around the Island Race - Coastal Rowing to accelerate Jianlibao's brand expansion into international markets.

As China's pioneer sports beverage formulated with alkaline electrolytes, Jianlibao established its regional headquarters in Hong Kong in 2024. In recent years, Jianlibao's global footprint began with a strategic rollout across key Asia-Pacific markets, and is now expanding into European and American markets, including Canada.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/16/P2026071500769.htm>

InvestHK announced on July 24 that globally renowned climbing brand KAILAS has opened its first mountaineering concept store in Hong Kong. The brand will bring local outdoor enthusiasts a fresh retail experience centred on mountain culture and professional mountaineering equipment. Founded in 2003, KAILAS has long been dedicated to advancing mountain sports, including mountaineering, rock climbing, hiking and trail running.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/24/P2026072200240.htm>

ATRenew Inc., the Chinese Mainland's leading pre-owned consumer electronics transactions and services platform, opened its first physical store under its new consumer brand RERE - short for Revalue and Renew - in Hong Kong. For traded-in smartphones, ATRenew developed a proprietary data destruction system certified by international authority ADISA Certification.

The opening is supported by a Memorandum of Understanding with leading retailer JD Mall Hong Kong. Under this partnership, the group will roll out in-store one-stop buyback services for electronic devices, making it easy for shoppers citywide to sell or trade in pre-owned devices.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/28/P2026072700520.htm>

SITI attends APEC Digital and AI Ministerial Meeting in Chengdu

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry of the HKSAR Government, Professor Sun Dong, attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Digital and AI Ministerial Meeting (DMM) in Chengdu from July 23 to 26. Under the theme "Digital and AI Technologies for Empowerment of the Asia-Pacific Community", Professor Sun

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called for APEC's concerted efforts to advance digital and AI technologies and their sustainable development across the Asia-Pacific community, and build a human-centric and inclusive digital society.

Speaking at thematic sessions, Professor Sun introduced Hong Kong's initiatives and achievements in promoting innovation and technology (I&T) development, digital transformation and smart upgrades, as well as sharing the city's progress in promoting digital inclusion and enhancing digital literacy and competency of the community.

Professor Sun also attended and delivered speeches at other Digital Weeks high-level events. In the joint ministerial statement adopted by the APEC DMM, representatives of the member economies acknowledged the positive progress made by member economies in expanding the digital economy, fostering connectivity and digital transformation, and encouraged the further exploration of ways to leverage digital technologies and AI to empower the community.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/23/P2026072300514.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/24/P2026072400765.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/25/P2026072500700.htm>

Candidates interested in applying for six civil service posts reminded to take Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law and National Security Law Test

The HKSAR Government announced on July 24 that the next round of recruitment exercises for the posts of Administrative Officer, Executive Officer II, Assistant Information Officer (General), Assistant Trade Officer II, Management Services Officer II and Transport Officer II will begin in September this year.

As part of the entry requirements, applicants for these posts will need to attain:

- (a) Level 2 in the two language papers (Use of Chinese and Use of English) in the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) or other results which are accepted as equivalent;
- (b) a pass result in the Aptitude Test paper in the CRE; and
- (c) a pass result in the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) (Degree/Professional Grades).

Candidates who wish to apply for these posts but have not attained the requisite results in the CRE should apply online by August 7 to take the relevant paper(s) in the CRE tentatively scheduled to be held on October 3 in Hong Kong. Candidates should also

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obtain a pass result in the BLNST before December 5 in order to be considered for appointment.

Candidates in Canada can apply for the CRE and the paper-based BLNST (Degree/Professional Grades), tentatively scheduled to be held on December 5 in Toronto and Vancouver. Application details will be announced in September.

The application details for the CRE are available at the CSB webpage of www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/24/P2026072400214.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/24/P2026072400203.htm>

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