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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cantonese opera performances to honour veteran Hong Kong artists

A charity Cantonese opera performance entitled 「阮眉百歲頌主恩 作品慈善大匯演」will be held to honour the lifelong dedication of Madam Yuen May to Cantonese opera and celebrate her 100th birthday. As a distinguished opera producer, lyricist and artist, Madam Yuen has made invaluable contributions by enriching the cultural fabric of Hong Kong and Canada through education, scriptwriting and nurturing of future generations of performers. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) is a supporter of the event.

For details, please visit:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14jwtFWR5QK/

Separately, charity Cantonese opera performances themed「鑼鼓一生情，譜曲半世心」by the Soong Kam Wing Music & Arts Centre Alumni Association will take place at the Flato Markham Theatre on August 15 and 16 to pay tribute to the late Master Soong Kam Wing and the late Mr Fong Man Ching for their remarkable contributions to the development of Cantonese opera in Canada.

For details, please visit:
https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10165161724177812&set=gm.28025731103691447&idorvanity=369785019712761

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO supports Hong Kong artists at SummerWorks Performance Festival

HKETO supported a Hong Kong contemporary dance group Unlock Dancing Plaza in participating in the 36th SummerWorks Performance Festival in Toronto on August 9, reinforcing Hong Kong's commitment to promoting international arts and cultural exchange. Presented in partnership with CanAsian Dance and Toronto Dance Theatre, the Collision Project by Unlock Dancing Plaza featured two works-in-development, *Good Boy, Bad Girl* and *Spin and Click*.

Speaking at a reception following the performances, the Director of HKETO, Mr Bill Wong, said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government is committed to developing Hong Kong as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange. He highlighted that Hong Kong continued its investment in world-class cultural infrastructure and promoting cultural exchanges in different places in the world.

The 36th SummerWorks Performance Festival is being held in Toronto from August 6 to 16, featuring 35 projects, including 27 live performances, as well as workshops and discussions involving artists and creative collaborators from around the world. The Collision Project is supported by HKETO alongside the Hong Kong Arts Development Council.

For details, please visit:
https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-hong-kong-artists-at-summerworks-performance-festival-in-toronto.html

HONG KONG NEWS

New batch of Silver Bond

The HKSAR Government announced on August 6 the launch of a new batch of Silver Bond for subscription. The target issuance size of this batch of Silver Bond is HK$50 billion, with each unit offered at HK$10,000 and a tenor of three years. Interest will be paid semi-annually at a rate linked to inflation in Hong Kong, subject to a minimum of 4.25 per cent. Subject to market response, the HKSAR Government may exercise discretion to increase the target issuance size to a maximum of HK$55 billion.

Hong Kong residents who turn 60 in or before 2027 holding a valid Hong Kong Identity Card will be eligible for subscription. The bonds are offered under the retail part of the Infrastructure Bond Programme. Proceeds will be credited to the Capital Works Reserve Fund for investment in infrastructure projects.

To encourage greater participation from citizens, a maximum allocation of HK$1 million per investor is stipulated. The subscription period of Silver Bond will start from 9am on August 21 and end at 2pm on September 4 (HK time).

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202608/06/P2026080600626.htm
https://www.hkgb.gov.hk/en/index.html

New measures for further deepening co-operation between Hong Kong and Chinese Mainland markets

Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission and the China Securities Regulatory Commission announced on August 3 a series of new measures to deepen further the practical co-operation and coordinated development of the Hong Kong and Chinese

Mainland markets, consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre.

The 10 new measures cover a wide range of areas including cross boundary listings, exchange traded funds, index co-operation, Renminbi-denominated futures products, streamlined applications for Chinese Mainland professional qualifications, and strengthened financial regulatory co-operation. They will support the development and cross boundary financing of enterprises in Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland, and further promote the connectivity between the two markets through deepening co-operation in indices, futures and exchange traded funds.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202608/03/P2026080300203.htm

HKMA welcomes CMU's expanded international network and service offerings

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) welcomes the official launch of the direct linkage between the Central Moneymarkets Unit (CMU) of Hong Kong and SIX of Switzerland on July 29, which also marks the launch of CMU OmniClear Limited's (CMU OmniClear) equity post-trade services for the first time.

Since its establishment in 2024, CMU OmniClear has been actively driving the internationalisation and commercialisation of CMU's operations on behalf of the HKMA. The new direct linkage with SIX provides CMU Members with direct access to securities in the Swiss and Spanish markets. This further expands CMU's global network and connectivity, underscoring Hong Kong's unparalleled role as a gateway connecting the Chinese Mainland with the international market.

CMU is Hong Kong's central securities depository infrastructure. By end-June 2026, assets under custody of CMU exceeded HK$5.5 trillion equivalent.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/29/P2026072900325.htm

Mainland bar-restaurant chain Commune opens flagship store in Hong Kong

Invest Hong Kong announced on August 5 that Commune, a leading bar-restaurant chain from the Chinese Mainland, has opened its first store in Hong Kong, marking a significant step in the chain's global expansion. The brand will establish its regional headquarters in the city to steer overseas growth.

Operating in over 100 locations across the Chinese Mainland, Commune has ranked first among bar-restaurant brands in the market by revenue for three consecutive years since 2022.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202608/05/P2026073000613.htm

Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan and 2026 Policy Address

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, attended working luncheons to listen to the views expressed by the Chief Executive's Council of Advisers (CECA) members for Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan and the Chief Executive's 2026 Policy Address, as well as the overall development of Hong Kong.

At the working luncheons conducted by CECA, the following three related themes were discussed:

- Hong Kong's economic advancement and sustainability
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Regional and global collaborations

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202607/30/P2026073000270.htm

Mr Lee also led Principal Officials to attend district forums to listen to views and suggestions from members of local communities. In-depth exchanges with members of the public from different backgrounds were conducted on Hong Kong's current and long-term economic and social development, which will help the HKSAR Government devise the overall development blueprint and set priorities for key policy initiatives, with a view to bringing impetus to the economy, further enhancing the well-being of Hong Kong people, as well as enabling the public to better benefit from government policies.

Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan and the Chief Executive's 2026 Policy Address will be announced later this year. Members of the public are welcome to continue submitting their views through various channels, including the dedicated websites and by email.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202608/02/P2026073100662.htm
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202608/09/P2026080700541.htm

Media partnership promoting "Hong Kong: trusted gateway linking global business"

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In partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, *The Standard* has published an interview with Ms Yamilette Cano, the President of the Mexican Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, highlighting how Hong Kong gives confidence to businesses looking to establish a presence in the city and beyond. *Sing Tao Daily* has also published a Chinese translation of the article.

Article: "*Hong Kong: trusted gateway linking global business with mainland strength*"
Link: https://www.thestandard.com.hk/people/article/338831/
(Translation) https://www.stheadline.com/society/3600567/

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