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Profound sorrow over passing of Mr Tung Chee Hwa

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr John Lee, expressed profound sorrow over the passing of Mr Tung Chee Hwa on September 8. Mr Tung was the former Vice-Chairman of the 10th to 13th of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) from 2005 to 2023, and was the first Chief Executive of the HKSAR from 1997 to 2005.

Mr Tung dedicated his life to serving the country and Hong Kong. Under his distinguished leadership as the first Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr Tung contributed significantly to the smooth return of Hong Kong to the motherland, as well as the implementation of the "one country, two systems" principle and the Basic Law. During his tenure, Mr Tung successfully steered Hong Kong through the turmoil of the Asian financial crisis and led Hong Kong in overcoming a wide range of challenges. He also instituted mechanisms to promote economic and trade ties and co-ordinated development between Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland, and was instrumental in uniting the city to foster in depth exchanges with the international community.

As the Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC, Mr Tung continued to offer his counsel at the national level and further contributed to the prosperity, stability and sustained development of Hong Kong.

Mr Tung's life-long and monumental contributions will forever be etched on our memory.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202609/09/P2026090900069.htm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hong Kong Gaudeamus Dunhuang Ensemble performs in Canada

The Hong Kong Gaudeamus Dunhuang Ensemble (香港天籟敦煌樂團) will perform Chinese music concert *"Resonance of Dunhuang"* in Toronto and Ottawa on October 9 and 10 respectively to present to the Canadian audience the rich visual and cultural heritage of the UNESCO-listed Mogao Caves into a contemporary musical experience. The performances are sponsored by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO) and supported by the Chinese Embassy in Canada to promote bilateral cultural exchanges between Hong Kong, China and Canada.

For ticketing, please visit:
Toronto: https://www.ticketmaster.ca/resonance-of-dunhuang-toronto-ontario-10-09-2026/event/10006507077D1356
Ottawa: https://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/3100651ADA797E27

Prior to the performance in Toronto, a lecture entitled *"Dunhuang of the World"* by Dr. Zhao Shengliang, renowned arts scholar and former Director of the Dunhuang Academy, will be held on the Mogao Caves' cultural heritage with a view to enriching the concert experience and deepening the audience's appreciation of Dunhuang's timeless resonance. Admission to the lecture is free. For registration, please visit: https://forms.gle/ebz3KP9H8ynMPMX88

For details of the performances and the lecture, please visit: https://www.facebook.com/share/v/186twH8GJY/

2026 ACCE West Coast Gala

The Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) will host the 2026 West Coast Gala on October 7 in Vancouver. ACCE recognises the achievements of outstanding Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs and promotes the spirit of entrepreneurship. The event serves to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation and corporate citizenship among the Chinese Canadian community. HKETO is a supporter of the event.

For details, please visit: https://www.acce.ca/new/2026-acce-west-coast-gala/.

RECENT ACTIVITY

HKETO supports the preservation of Cantonese opera

HKETO supported the Toronto Cantonese opera troupes in staging the charity show, "Yuen May Centennial Thanksgiving Charity Performance" at the Greater Toronto Chinese Cultural Centre on September 2. To promote cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Canada, two Hong Kong performers also participated in the show and presented selected works and excerpts written by Madam Yuen.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director of HKETO, Mr Bill Wong, remarked that Cantonese opera as a traditional Chinese art form with a long and rich history has gained wide international recognition. For over a century, Canada has become an important place for the preservation and succession of Cantonese opera in the Western world.

He added that the HKSAR Government is committed to supporting the preservation, development, and succession of Cantonese opera through funding support under the Cantonese Opera Development Fund and investment in world-class cultural infrastructure.

For details, please visit:
https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-the-preservation-of-cantonese-opera.html

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Belt and Road Summit explores new business opportunities

Hosted by the HKSAR Government under the theme "Advancing High-quality Development • Embarking on a New Journey", the 11th Belt and Road Summit was held in Hong Kong from September 9 to 10 to serve as a premier business and investment platform for Hong Kong's participation in and contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative.

The Summit brought together over 6 000 participants, including over 100 government and business speakers, as well as over 100 delegations. More than 60 memorandums of understanding (MOUs) were witnessed during the Summit, exploring opportunities of co-operation for mutually beneficial development. The total value of these MOUs, together with new projects and deals finalised before and during the Summit, is over US$3.1 billion.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202609/09/P2026090900707.htm

Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou cluster remains No. 1 in Global Innovation Index 2026

In the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026 published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on September 8, the Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou cluster ranks first globally once again.

The ranking reaffirms the outstanding innovative capacity and the innovation and technology (I&T)-supporting financing ecosystem of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

The GII Cluster ranking identifies local concentrations of world-class innovation activity using three key metrics, viz international patent filings via WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty, scientific publications, and the number of venture capital deals.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202609/08/P2026090800254.htm

Record year for investment product sales in Hong Kong with robust demand for FICC-related products

The annual joint survey by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) published on September 8 remarked that sales of non-exchange-traded investment products surged 63 per cent year-on-year to an all-time high of HK$9.9 trillion in 2025, driven by a record level of market participation with strong demand for fixed-income, currency and commodity related products.

The survey results highlighted that record numbers of participating clients and firms propelled the strong growth in the total transaction amount. The number of clients who completed at least one transaction in non-exchange-traded investment products jumped by 33 per cent to more than 1.6 million, while the number of licensed corporations and registered institutions engaged in investment product sale grew by 9 per cent to 452.

In addition, debt securities sales continued on a solid long-term growth trajectory, up 43 per cent from 2022, primarily driven by sovereign bonds (up 138 per cent) and investment-grade corporate bonds (up 43 per cent).

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202609/08/P2026090800314.htm

Third InnoHK research cluster launch ceremony held

The Innovation and Technology Commission on September 1 held the third InnoHK research cluster launch ceremony. The new cluster, SEAM@InnoHK, focuses on four frontier technology fields, namely sustainable development, energy, advanced manufacturing and materials, marking an important milestone in Hong Kong's journey to become an international I&T hub.

Eight research centres have been approved for admission to SEAM@InnoHK, with a total government funding support of around HK$2.5 billion. The centres are led by renowned local and overseas universities and research institutions, and have established collaborations with a number of top-tier universities and research institutions in the world.

InnoHK is a flagship international I&T initiative of the HKSAR Government, aiming at bringing together world-class institutions and local universities to establish research centres in Hong Kong. Earlier, two other platforms with investment of HK$10 billion have been set up: Health@InnoHK, focusing on healthcare technology, and AIR@InnoHK, focusing on AI and robotics technology.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202609/01/P2026090100598.htm

First cohort of GenA.I. Sandbox++

HKMA, SFC, the Insurance Authority, and the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, in collaboration with the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, announced on August 27 the first cohort of the Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenA.I.) Sandbox++.

From nearly 100 proposals received, 36 use cases have been selected for the first cohort of the GenA.I. Sandbox++, involving 30 financial institutions and 27 technology partners.

This cohort will focus on agentic AI applications. The selected use cases go beyond content generation, further exploring how AI can responsibly take on greater autonomy. The testing will cover end-to-end processes such as customer onboarding, payments, insurance claims and customer interactions. Moreover, building on the "AI vs AI" theme in previous GenA.I. Sandbox cohort, the latest pilots will further examine how AI can provide dynamic oversight of the actions taken by other AI applications.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202608/27/P2026082600563.htm

China Chengxin Green Finance expands Hong Kong business for go-global enterprises

Invest Hong Kong announced on September 1 that China Chengxin Group, one of the Chinese Mainland's longest-established and largest credit rating agencies, is expanding its business in Hong Kong. Under this expansion, its green finance and environmental, social and governance (ESG) arm, China Chengxin Green Finance (CCXGF), entered into a strategic merger with leading Asian sustainability tech platform MioTech to form "CCX-MioTech". The new entity will offer a dedicated ESG and sustainable development services platform for Mainland enterprises looking to expand abroad, further reinforcing Hong Kong's role as a launchpad for Chinese Mainland and international enterprises expanding overseas.

CCXGF is one of the earliest professional institutions on the Chinese Mainland to provide third-party green finance services, with a focus on green finance assessment and certification, ESG ratings and advisory, data services, and carbon neutrality research. MioTech, for its part, has consistently driven the deep integration of artificial intelligence, data and software into sustainability applications.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202609/01/P2026090100383.htm

CE to announce Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan on September 16 and subsequently release Policy Address

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, will announce the First Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the HKSAR (2026-2030) (Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan) on September 16, and subsequently release the Chief Executive's 2026 Policy Address (Policy Address).

Mr Lee will hold a press conference on the afternoon of September 16, and will attend a television forum on that evening to elaborate further on Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan and the Policy Address.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202608/26/P2026082600406.htm

SCS meets Administrative Service Internship Programme student interns

The Secretary for the Civil Service of the HKSAR, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, met with over 50 university students participating in this year's Administrative Service Internship Programme on August 26, and encouraged them to apply for civil service positions so that they can leverage their strengths and contribute to society.

Under the arrangements by the Civil Service Bureau, the interns were assigned to various bureaux and departments to gain a deeper understanding of government operations. Drawing on their internship experiences, they also took part in group discussions and put forward policy initiatives on a range of social issues, including transport, tourism, green finance, I&T, youth and district affairs, and elderly welfare.

To enable more young people at different stages of study to learn about public service and plan their career development at an early stage, the eligibility for the Programme has been extended to all full-time students pursuing undergraduate or postgraduate studies, regardless of their year of study, starting from this year's Winter Internship Programme.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202608/26/P2026082600268.htm

HKSAR young public officers to work at United Nations

The third batch of young public officers of the HKSAR Government recommended by the Central Government of the People's Republic of China will be taking up positions in the United Nations (UN).

With the support of the Central People's Government and the assistance of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) recommended 16 young public officers to participate in the UN Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme to provide them with opportunities to work and learn under the guidance of professional officers, thereby accumulating practical experience in the field of multilateral international co-operation. Previously, the HKSAR sent five and 12 young public officers recommended by the MFA to participate in the JPO Programme in 2019 and 2023 respectively.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202609/08/P2026090700544.htm

Hong Kong Fashion Fest presents eight flagship programmes for its third edition

Presented by the HKSAR Government, and spearheaded and sponsored by the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, the third edition of Hong Kong Fashion Fest is taking place from September 1 to 14. It was launched on September 1, with its opening programme "VIRTUOSE: The Artistry of Couture 2026" orgainsed by the Hong Kong Fashion Designers Association and held at the Hong Kong Palace Museum.

The fashion extravaganza brings together over 300 local and international design entities, and presents eight flagship programmes across various cultural landmarks and stylish design spaces in Hong Kong, showcasing the city's exceptional appeal as Asia's fashion capital through a diverse range of fashion-themed events.

The Fashion Fest also offers a rich lineup of programmes, covering haute couture, city-wide pop-up stores, cross-regional menswear, a sustainable design forum, modern denim culture and more, propelling the creativity and aesthetics of emerging designers from Hong Kong and abroad onto the global stage.

For details, please visit:
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202609/02/P2026090100303.htm
https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202609/04/P2026090400549.htm
https://hongkongfashionfest.com/

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The Financial Secretary's blog: Fast-tracking Development of the Northern Metropolis through Market Forces

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, wrote in his blog on August 30 highlighting that Hong Kong's Northern Metropolis, with the 11-hectare pilot area in Hung Shui Kiu, is a key new engine for Hong Kong's future economic growth.

The successful land bidder is a company formed by a consortium of six enterprises from different sectors combining strengths in infrastructure development, technological innovation, facility operation, supply chain management, business networks and ecosystem building. The successful bidder will invest about HK$16.8 billion in the project, which is expected to generate more than 6 000 jobs in construction, logistics operations, business management and other areas.

Mr Chan remarked that the innovative large-scale land disposal model enables the HKSAR Government to mobilise private sector resources and capitalise on the market's flexibility, responsiveness, professional knowledge and experience.

To support the development, the Northern Metropolis Financial Advisory Taskforce comprising 23 banks will explore financing solutions tailored to the individual projects, including syndicated loans, bond underwriting, infrastructure financing, securitisation and other ancillary financial services. The HKSAR Government is also actively tapping the bond market to fund infrastructure in the Northern Metropolis.

With land and funding in place, the Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation are the key vehicles to attract high value-added, high-potential industries and quality enterprises, and allow an I&T ecosystem to flourish.

For details, please visit:
https://www.fso.gov.hk/eng/blog/blog20260830.htm

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