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UPCOMING EVENTS

Outstanding Women Award 2026 by Markham, Richmond Hill & Vaughan Chinese Business Association

The Outstanding Women Award 2026, organised by the Markham, Richmond Hill & Vaughan Chinese Business Association, will be held on November 8. The Award aims to recognise the accomplishments of successful Chinese Canadian women in the business community and encourage them to make further contributions to the growth of the Canadian economy. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO) is one of the sponsors.

For details, please visit:

<https://mrvcba.ca/>

35th Anniversary Gala by Mississauga Chinese Business Association

The Mississauga Chinese Business Association will host its 35th Anniversary Gala & 23rd Annual Community Policing Dinner on November 18. Themed “*Harmony Beyond*”, the event will present the Business & Community Awards, Outstanding Policing Award with exhibitions, live entertainment, live auctions and lucky draws. HKETO is a sponsor of the event.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/mcbacanada/posts/celebrate-35-years-unity-partnership-progressjoin-us-for-the-mcba-35th-anniversa/1463276365834781/>

Cathay Ball 2026

The Cathay Ball 2026 entitled “*Anchored in Care, Charting Tomorrow*”, hosted by the Mon Sheong Foundation, will be held on October 31. The Ball will feature electrifying dance performances along with live music, exciting raffle and silent auction. HKETO is one of the sponsors.

For details of the event, please visit:

<https://cathayball.monsheong.org/>

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RECENT ACTIVITY

Hong Kong Gaudeamus Dunhuang Ensemble's Canadian debut

HKETO supported the Hong Kong Gaudeamus Dunhuang Ensemble in making its inaugural performance in Canada. The Ensemble held two concerts alongside three academic lectures in Toronto and Ottawa from October 8 to 11, fostering cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada. The events attracted over 1 000 guests.

The concerts, entitled “*Resonance of Dunhuang*”, featured eight outstanding young Hong Kong musicians playing original compositions on replicas of ancient instruments. The Ensemble also presented several academic lectures delivered by renowned Dunhuang art scholar and former Director of the Dunhuang Academy, Dr Zhao Shengliang, who provided comprehensive analyses on the artistic essence of the Mogao Caves murals.

Speaking before the two concerts, the Director of HKETO, Mr Bill Wong, remarked that HKETO was committed to promoting cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Canada, and highlighted that the First Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) (2026-2030) (Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan) has reaffirmed Hong Kong's role as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchanges.

Funded by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of the HKSAR Government, the tour received support from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Canada, Hong Kong Tourism Board, and the Canada-China Cultural Development Association, among other organisations.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-supports-hong-kong-gaudeamus-dunhuang-ensembles-canadian-debut.html>

Promoting Hong Kong's business opportunities in Vancouver

The Director of HKETO, Mr Bill Wong, attended the 2026 Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) West Coast Gala in Vancouver on October 7, and addressed more than 300 guests from the business community about Hong Kong's business and investment opportunities.

Mr Wong highlighted that Hong Kong continues to be ranked as the world's freest economy in the Economic Freedom of the World 2026 Annual Report, just released by

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the Fraser Institute. Hong Kong's economy is growing strong in different sectors, and its achievements have won recognition around the world.

Mr Wong also highlighted Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan that the "four centres and one hub" would be strengthened by consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's status as international financial, maritime, and trade centres, as well as an international aviation hub. At the same time, the city's development into an international innovation and technology (I&T) centre and an international hub for high-calibre talent will be expedited.

Mr Wong said that, through the partnership with ACCE, HKETO would continue to support Canadian enterprises on the West Coast interested in exploring opportunities and business expansion in Hong Kong, on the Chinese Mainland and across Asia.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-director-promotes-hong-kong-business-opportunities-in-vancouver.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

APEC Finance Ministers' Meeting 2026 successfully concluded in Hong Kong

The two-day Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM) 2026 was successfully concluded in Hong Kong on October 21. Representatives from APEC member economies and international organisations engaged in in-depth exchanges on major issues concerning regional economic development, reaching broad consensus and achieving practical outcomes.

The FMM issued the 2026 APEC Finance Ministers' Joint Statement, reaffirming the commitment to building an open, dynamic, resilient, and peaceful Asia-Pacific community by 2040 for the prosperity of all people and future generations. The statement also noted that meaningful discussions were held on fiscal policy supporting households, digital infrastructure financing, financial access and opportunity for all, and welcomed the convening of the Young Financial Talents Dialogue, to promote the prosperity and resilience of the region.

Speaking during the discussion sessions, the Financial Secretary (FS) of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, highlighted that Hong Kong would leverage its unique advantages under the "one country, two systems" principle, and make full use of its diverse financing channels and professional services as an international financial centre to serve as a "super connector" and "super value-adder".

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At the closing session of the meeting, the Chinese Minister of Finance, Mr Lan Fo'an, said that all parties should firmly implement the consensus reached, uphold multilateralism, and deepen practical co-operation in fiscal and financial affairs, with a view to contributing to regional economic and financial stability and long-term sustainable growth.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202610/20/P2026102000247.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202610/21/P2026102100550.htm>

FS attends Annual Meetings of IMF and World Bank Group in Thailand

The FS of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, attended the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group (WBG) and related events in Bangkok, Thailand, as a member of the Chinese delegation on October 15 and 16.

Mr Chan joined the plenary session and attended a high-level roundtable co-organised by the IMF and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) to explore investment and financing opportunities in the Hong Kong market for economies in the Middle East and Central Asia.

Mr Chan also took part in dialogue sessions organised respectively by Bloomberg and the Atlantic Council to exchange views on Hong Kong's economy, offshore Renminbi business, technological and financial innovation, and the global economic and trade landscape.

This year's Annual Meetings brought together officials responsible for fiscal, financial and economic affairs, central bank representatives, business and non-governmental sector leaders, and academics from around the world to discuss issues including the global economic outlook, financial stability, poverty reduction, inclusive growth and job creation.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202610/15/P2026101500767.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202610/16/P2026101600660.htm>

Hong Kong's gold master plan

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the HKSAR, Mr Christopher Hui, attended the Global Precious Metals Conference 2026 organised by the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) in Sorrento, Italy, on October 6. He articulated to delegates from the worldwide precious metals industry Hong Kong's master plan in building a gold-

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trading ecosystem that is supported with government-led infrastructure, market-informed governance and commercially driven activities.

At a panel discussion session, Mr Hui was joined by a representative from the Monetary Authority of Singapore to discuss “The Next Chapter in Gold - How Hong Kong and Singapore are Reshaping Market Dynamics”. Mr Hui said that Hong Kong, uniquely positioned in terms of its strategic location, international financial centre status and common law legal system, has been working at full steam to build a gold-trading ecosystem that would connect existing gold markets and add usable liquidity to the international market.

Mr Hui also announced that LBMA is going to cohost its Asia Forum with the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Precious Metals Central Clearing Company Limited in Hong Kong in April 2027.

The Global Precious Metals Conference is an annual flagship event for the international bullion and metals industry. This year, more than 1 000 delegates from across the precious metals industry are engaging to conduct focused debates and build lasting connections.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202610/07/P2026100600281.htm>

Hong Kong Legal Week 2026

Hong Kong Legal Week 2026 (HKLW) will take place from November 2 to 6, bringing together legal professionals, business leaders, policymakers, academics, and leading international legal organisations from around the world. It offers a unique platform to exchange practical insights, engage in forward-looking discussions, and build cross-sector partnerships that drive innovation and sustainable development.

For details, please visit:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18Ha3KNoSK/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7514229462087962624>

Inaugural issuance of “sidecar” insurance-linked securities in Hong Kong

The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau of the HKSAR Government welcomed an inaugural issuance of insurance-linked securities (ILS) in the form of “sidecar” by the PICC Property and Casualty Company Limited in Hong Kong, with a size of US\$12 million

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(equivalent to about HK\$94 million), providing quota share reinsurance protection for offshore windfarm property insurance businesses on the Chinese Mainland.

Since the establishment of the bespoke regulatory regime for ILS and the launch of the pilot grant scheme in 2021, seven catastrophe bonds and one “sidecar” have been issued in Hong Kong to date, with a total issuance amount of about HK\$6.3 billion, securing protection against catastrophe and other specialty risks on the Chinese Mainland and overseas. A “sidecar” is an ILS structure through which investors provide capital to support a specific insurance or reinsurance portfolio.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202610/14/P2026101300441.htm>

Honor's continued expansion in Hong Kong

Invest Hong Kong on October 13 welcomed the opening of Honor’s seventh experience store in Hong Kong, expanding its local footprint toward a 10-store target in 2026. Since its entry into Hong Kong in 2022, Honor’s local business strategy has evolved from product introduction and channel development to a full-scenario ecosystem centred on AI innovation. Its products cover smartphones, tablets, laptops, wearable devices, and Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) ecosystem products.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202610/13/P2026101200550.htm>

Media partnership to promote Hong Kong’s First Five-Year Plan

In collaboration with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, the South China Morning Post produces a series of factsheets on Hong Kong’s First Five-Year Plan. The full set of factsheets are as follows:

Factsheet 1: *Hong Kong’s New Chapter*

https://sc.mp/icn21?utm_source=copy-link&utm_campaign=3367923&utm_medium=share_widget

Factsheet 2: *The Story Begins*

https://sc.mp/o2dkr?utm_source=copy-link&utm_campaign=3367925&utm_medium=share_widget

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Factsheet 3: *Sharpening Hong Kong's Edge*

https://sc.mp/lvnq7?utm_source=copy-link&utm_campaign=3371076&utm_medium=share_widget

Factsheet 4: *Tapping into Tech and Talent*

https://sc.mp/k8lc0?utm_source=copy-link&utm_campaign=3371079&utm_medium=share_widget

The FS's blog: *Contributing to Shared Success*

The FS of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, shared in his blog on October 18 his attendance at the IMF and WBG Annual Meetings in Bangkok, Thailand, on October 15 and 16. Discussions on the global economic outlook centred on two powerful forces: persistently high energy prices driven by war, and the rapid rise of AI, both reshaping the global economic landscape.

He highlighted that AI-related goods accounted for nearly 30 per cent of global import growth over the past two years, underscoring significant opportunities. However, some 1.2 billion young people are expected to enter the labour markets of developing countries over the next 10 to 15 years, with a projected job shortfall of 800 million. The World Bank has therefore placed job creation at the centre of its development agenda.

Realising technology's potential while sustaining growth and employment requires efficient access to finance. At a high-level roundtable jointly organised by the HKMA and the IMF, Hong Kong outlined three priorities: mobilising long-term capital, broadening currency options, and managing and sharing risk.

While AI offers substantial growth opportunities, its benefits will not materialise automatically. Hong Kong's efficient capital-raising and financing capabilities can support investment in AI infrastructure across developing economies. Through technology transfer and talent development, Hong Kong can also help enhance the AI affordability and accessibility for more economies. Locally, efforts are under way to expand AI training and equip people from different backgrounds to use the technology.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.fso.gov.hk/eng/blog/blog20261018.htm>

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