

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### HKETO Director attends Chinese New Year Gala Dinners

The Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Miss Kathy Chan, attended a series of Chinese New Year Gala Dinners by different sections of the Hong Kong Canada Business Association (HKCBA): Greater Toronto Area Section on 4 February, Vancouver Section on 9 February and Calgary Section on 10 February. She also attended the gala dinner by the Confederation of Greater Toronto Chinese Business Association in Toronto (CGTCBA) on February 11.

At the gala dinners, Miss Chan thanked the staunch support rendered by the HKCBA and the CGTCBA to the work of HKETO in the past year.

She also invited the attendees to join the series of activities that are being planned by HKETO to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in the coming months of the year.

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Miss Chan also attended the Chinese New Year Gala Dinner by HSBC Bank Canada held on 7 February.

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## HONG KONG NEWS

### Nominations for Chief Executive Election of Hong Kong begins

The nomination period for the fifth term Chief Executive Election of the HKSAR has begun on 14 February and will run until 1 March.

A HKSAR permanent resident who is a Chinese citizen, with no right of abode in any foreign country, has reached 40 years of age and has ordinarily resided in Hong Kong for a continuous period of not less than 20 years, is eligible to be nominated as a candidate. The relevant legislation and electoral guidelines have been uploaded to the election website (<http://www.elections.gov.hk/ce2017/eng/index.html>).

The Chief Executive Election will be held on 26 March.

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## **Public consultation launched on recommended items to be inscribed on Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Hong Kong**

The Intangible Cultural Heritage Office (ICHO) of Hong Kong launched a public consultation on 12 February to gauge views on 10 recommended items to be inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Hong Kong. The consultation period will last for three months until 11 May.

The recommended items, relevant details and a comment form have been uploaded to the website of the ICHO ([www.lcsd.gov.hk/ICHO](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/ICHO)). Members of the public can send the completed comment form on or before 11 May either by email ([icho@lcsd.gov.hk](mailto:icho@lcsd.gov.hk)), by post (Intangible Cultural Heritage Office, 2 Kwu Uk Lane, Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong) or by facsimile ((852) 2180 8222).

[Click here to read the details.](#)

## **First batch of food trucks under Food Truck Pilot Scheme launched in Hong Kong**

The first batch of 11 food trucks under the Food Truck Pilot Scheme has been launched in Hong Kong since 2 February. They are now operating in eight tourist locations on a biweekly rotation basis and provide diversified, creative and high-quality dishes to tourists and locals.

Preparatory work of the second batch of food trucks has been making good progress and they are expected to commence business from February to early March.

The Tourism Commission of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau of Hong Kong has specially launched a mobile app, "HK Food Truck", to assist locals and tourists alike to trace the whereabouts of the food trucks and learn more about them. The mobile app is available for free download in Google Play and the Apple App Store.

The Financial Secretary of Hong Kong announced in the 2015-16 Budget to consider introducing food trucks and the Tourism Commission then conducted a study and devised the Food Truck Pilot Scheme.

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