

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Delegation from Hong Kong Immigration Department visits Canada

A delegation from the Hong Kong Immigration Department visits Canada between March 12 to 18 to promote the various admission schemes and arrangements for talents, professionals, entrepreneurs as well as the second generation of Hong Kong emigrants to work or start their business in Hong Kong.

Led by Assistant Principal Immigration Officer (Visa Control) (Operations Division) of the Hong Kong Immigration Department, Mr Andy Chui, the 3-member delegation met with local students, the local Hong Kong community as well as the media in Toronto and Montreal from March 13 to 15. The delegation will continue its trip to Edmonton and Vancouver on March 16 to 17 before returning to Hong Kong in the early morning of March 18.

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HKETO hosts media lunch

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) held a media lunch in Toronto on March 2 to review Hong Kong's economic development over the past year and give an account of the future development ahead. Speaking at the media event, Acting Director of the HKETO, Mr Nick Choi, also told the media that HKETO would host a series of activities this year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). About 40 media representatives attended the lunch.

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Three validly nominated candidates for Chief Executive Election

A total of three nomination forms for the 2017 Chief Executive Election were ruled valid by the Returning Officer, Madam Justice Carlye Chu Fun-ling, at the close of the nomination period on March 1, 5pm. The number of valid nominations from Election Committee members received by each of the validly nominated candidates is listed as follows:

John Tsang Chun-wah (165)
Woo Kwok-hing (180)
Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor (580)

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On the other hand, the Chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC), Mr Justice Barnabas Fung Wah, at a briefing session for the 2017 Chief Executive Election called on the candidates and their agents to strictly observe the relevant legislation and the electoral guidelines to ensure that the election will be conducted in an open, fair, honest and clean manner.

After the briefing session, Madam Justice Chu drew lots to determine the order of names of the candidates on the ballot paper and the allocation of designated spots for display of election advertisements. The order is: John Tsang Chun-wah (No. 1), Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor (No. 2) and Woo Kwok-hing (No. 3).

Polling will take place on March 26 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai. The first round of voting will begin at 9am and close at 11am. Information on the Chief Executive Election is available on the election website (www.elections.gov.hk).

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Corporate Registers Forum 2017 opens in Hong Kong

The 14th annual Corporate Registers Forum (CRF) organised by the Companies Registry with the theme of "Corporate Registries - Challenges and Opportunities, Today and Tomorrow" was held in Hong Kong on March 7 for authorities of corporate and business registers around the world to exchange experience and information on the current operation and future development initiatives of corporate registration systems, and to review the latest developments in corporate and business registers. This year, the annual conference has attracted around 200 delegates from 62 jurisdictions.

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Taiwan craft beer brand ZhangMen lands in Hong Kong market

Taiwan-based ZhangMen Brewing Company set up its first flagship store in Hong Kong, marking the debut of the natural brewer's expansion outside Taiwan by tapping the city's locational advantage and its buoyant craft beer market to spread the brand globally. The pub is located in Tsim Sha Tsui offering 24 varieties of craft beer, brewed by its own factory in Taiwan and shipped to Hong Kong directly, ensuring premium quality for customers' satisfaction. The pub also provides Taiwanese snacks to add more home flavours.

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Enhanced travel convenience for HKSAR passport holders going to Togo

The Government of the HKSAR has received confirmation from the Embassy of the Republic of Togo in Beijing that holders of the HKSAR passport will be granted a visit visa upon arrival in Togo for a stay of one month. Including Togo, 158 countries/territories have granted visa-free access or visa-on-arrival to HKSAR passport holders.

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University of Hong Kong's Arts and Humanities rises in ranking

University of Hong Kong (HKU)'s overall ranking in the Arts & Humanities has jumped from 19th in 2016 to 13th in the latest QS University Subject Rankings 2017 released last week.

In addition to 13th in the overall rankings for the Arts and Humanities, HKU made the global top 20 in Linguistics and Modern Languages as well. Its Linguistics was ranked 10th in this annual survey of the top universities worldwide, the third consecutive year that it has been in the global top 10. Modern Languages was ranked 13th, up from 15th in 2016.

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HKSAR Government announces new measures to facilitate cinema development in Hong Kong

The HKSAR Government announced new measures to facilitate cinema development in Hong Kong with a view to building up audiences and promoting the long-term growth of Hong Kong's film industry. One of the measures is to include a cinema requirement in the land lease of two designated government land sale sites in Kai Tak and Sha Tin.

In addition, in view of the fact that cinemas and cultural and entertainment facilities will create synergies, further study will be conducted on the feasibility of accommodating a cinema complex at the Tourism Node in the Kai Tak Development and explore the feasibility of earmarking space for cinema development in the West Kowloon Cultural District.

Apart from facilitating cinema development, the Government will continue to promote the development of the local film industry through a four-pronged strategy, i.e. encouraging more Hong Kong-produced film productions for commercial release; nurturing production talent; promoting film appreciation among students and young people to build up audiences; as well as showcasing and promoting the brand of "Hong Kong Films" in the Mainland, Taiwan and

overseas markets, facilitating the participation of local commercial films in international film festivals, and helping drive Hong Kong's development as a film financing platform in Asia.

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Hongkong Post issues "Paintings and Calligraphy of Professor JAO Tsung-I" special stamps

Hongkong Post announced the issue of a set of special stamps on the theme of "Paintings and Calligraphy of Professor JAO Tsung-I", together with associated philatelic products, on March 23.

An acclaimed sinologist, Professor Jao Tsung-i has made significant contributions to diverse fields of traditional Chinese culture such as history, literature, language, religion, philosophy and art. Bestowed with numerous local and international academic honours, Professor Jao has earned recognition as a polymath well versed in multiple disciplines of traditional Chinese culture.

Professor Jao is also well recognised for his distinctive calligraphy and painting style that fuses tradition with innovation. The set of special stamps issued by Hongkong Post on the theme of "Paintings and Calligraphy of Professor JAO Tsung-i" will showcase his robust and unrestrained brushstrokes as well as his superb skills in painting and calligraphy.

Information about this special stamp issue and associated philatelic products is available on Hongkong Post's website at www.hongkongpost.hk and the Hongkong Post mobile app.

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