

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO welcomes HK Zuni Icosahedron to Canada

HK Zuni Icosahedron embarked on a “Canada Tour 2017” with the “One Table Two Chairs” Programme in Toronto and an art exhibition in Vancouver as part of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto's (HKETO) programme to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in Canada.

Zuni presented its centerpiece performance of the “One Table Two Chairs” programme, Flee by Night, to the audience in Toronto on April 4. The Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, remarked at the opening reception that Hong Kong is a vibrant arts hub attracting performers from all over the world while home-grown performing groups also reach a high standard. She welcomed Canadian visitors to experience for themselves the richness and diversity of art in Hong Kong.

The company will continue the “Canada Tour 2017” with “Tian Tian Xiang Shang” exhibition at the Nelson Square in Vancouver (808 Nelson Street) from April 22 to May 21.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

HKSAR 20th anniversary seminar series continues

HKETO sponsored a series of seminars on Hong Kong organised by the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

The second seminar of the series focusing on the economic development of Hong Kong will be held on April 13 at the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library. There will be two panel sessions namely "Development in Hong Kong's Post-1997 Capitalism" and "Trends in Chinese Canadian Businesses" in the seminar.

For more information about the seminar, please visit the website below :

<https://hongkong.library.utoronto.ca/event/hong-kong-canada-crosscurrents-seminar-development-hong-kong%E2%80%99s-post-1997-capitalism-trends>

17th Chinese Arts and Literacy Contest for Youth

HKETO sponsored the “17th Chinese Arts and Literacy Contest for Youth” organised by the Association of Chinese Arts and Literacy Contest for Youth. The competition is part of the programme to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, with an aim to arouse interest in Hong Kong among students of different ages.

The deadline for submitting entries to the competition is April 13. Adjudication for the “Hong Kong Cup -- Calligraphy and Painting Competitions” will be held soon after the application deadline. Members of the adjudication panel comprise representatives from HKETO and alumni associations of nine Hong Kong universities in eastern Canada.

For more information, please visit the official website of the organiser:

<https://sites.google.com/site/newcalcywebsite/home>

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Hong Kong signs agreements with Portugal and South Africa on automatic exchange of financial account information in tax matters

Hong Kong signed agreements with Portugal and South Africa for conducting automatic exchange of financial account information in tax matters (AEOI) on April 3. The signing brought up the number of Hong Kong's AEOI partners to a total of 11 (including Belgium, Canada, Guernsey, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom).

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CS outlines three focus areas under the theme of "Together · Progress · Opportunity" for HKSAR 20th anniversary celebrations

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, outlined three focus areas under the theme "Together · Progress · Opportunity" for the 20th Anniversary of the HKSAR celebrations in 2017.

The 20th Anniversary is a major milestone in Hong Kong's development that provides an opportunity to showcase the successful implementation of "one country, two systems". Over 300 activities will be arranged by Bureaux and Departments, along with over 300 community-organised events in Hong Kong. In addition, the Economic and Trade Offices and Mainland

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Offices of the HKSAR Government will hold more than 200 promotional activities to celebrate the 20th anniversary in over 80 cities.

More details of 20th anniversary celebrations can be found at the 20A website www.hksar20.gov.hk. Regular updates and posts can also be found on the 20A facebook page www.facebook.com/HKSAR20/ and 20A Youtube.

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Chief Executive-elect receives instrument of appointment in Beijing

The Chief Executive-elect, Mrs Carrie Lam, was received by President Xi Jinping and awarded the instrument of appointment as the Fifth-Term Chief Executive of the HKSAR by Premier Li Keqiang in Beijing on April 11.

Mrs Lam pledged to do her utmost to lead the HKSAR Government in continuing to implement the principle of “one country, two systems”, “Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong” and a high degree of autonomy strictly in accordance with the Basic Law.

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