

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### 1. Creative Visions: Hong Kong Cinema 1997-2017

The Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival (Reel Asian), in partnership with Create Hong Kong and the Hong Kong International Film Festival Society, and with the support from the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO), announced on June 14 the details of “Creative Visions: Hong Kong Cinema 1997-2017” in Toronto, a three-day long Hong Kong film festival in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

The festival would present a wide range of films produced by Hong Kong and include works by internationally renowned Hong Kong directors like Johnnie TO and WONG Kar-wai as well as filmmakers like PANG Ho-cheung and Heiward MAK who emerged in the last two decades. Ms Heiward MAK will give an artist talk and meet the audience at the screening of her first feature film “High Noon” on June 24.

The festival in Toronto runs from June 23 to June 25 at TIFF Bell Lightbox. For more information, please visit the official website at [reelasian.com](http://reelasian.com). Tickets to this free event are available at <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/tiff3/EN/buy/browse>

The “Creative Visions: Hong Kong Cinema 1997-2017” programme in Vancouver is already on and will continue till June 23. Ms Heiward MAK will meet the audience at the screening of her first feature film “High Noon” on June 22 and 23.

Tickets for the Vancouver programme and other details can be found at - <http://thecinematheque.ca/creative-visions-hong-kong-cinema-1997-2017>

### 2. Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival

Concord Pacific Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival organised by the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society will be held from June 23 to 25 at Concord Pacific Place, Creekside Park and the waters of False Creek in Vancouver.

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As part of the programme to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, HKETO sponsored the event with the "Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office International Cup", which will be presented to the winning team of the Premier race with competing teams from Hong Kong, China and the United States. These featured races will be held on June 24.

For more information, please visit the official website at:

<http://vancouverdragonboatfestival.ca/things-to-do/dragon-boat-races/>

### **3. Rhythm & Tempo**

The Hong Kong-based performing group Rhythm & Tempo will present a special tap dance performance "Muban - A Tap Dance Journey" at City Playhouse Theatre in Vaughan from July 15 to 16. HKETO sponsored this performance as part of the programme to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR with the aim of facilitating cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada. The performance was supported by the local group Niracle Performing Arts Centre Corporation.

More details are available at the facebook page of Niracle -

<https://www.facebook.com/Niracle.ca/?pnref=story>

Tickets are on sale at -

[http://www.vaughan.ca/services/city\\_playhouse\\_theatre/Pages/upcoming.aspx](http://www.vaughan.ca/services/city_playhouse_theatre/Pages/upcoming.aspx)

### **4. 2017 Hong Kong Painting and Photo Exhibition**

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, the Canada Chinese Arts Bridge Association will organise a painting and photo exhibition from July 29 to August 11 in Vancouver. The exhibition entitled "Emblazoned with Inks and Images" comprises an art and painting exhibition to be held at the International Arts Gallery and a photo exhibition to be held at the Central Artium and common area of International Village Mall during the period.

For details of the event, please visit - <http://hk20.artsbridge.ca/>

### **5. DramaOneVan performance**

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DramaOneVan will stage two drama performances of "Noodle of Love" on September 3 at Michael J Fox Theatre in Vancouver. HKETO sponsored this performance as part of the programme to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

More details are available at the following websites of DramaOneVan and Michael J Fox Theatre

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<https://www.facebook.com/dramaonevan/>

<http://www.michaeljfoxtheatre.ca/event/2017/%E4%B8%80%E9%BA%B5%E6%83%85%E7%B7%A3-noodle-love>

### HONG KONG NEWS

#### **New team of Principal Officials appointed**

The Central People's Government, on the nomination of the Chief Executive-elect, Mrs Carrie Lam, approved the appointments of 21 Principal Officials of the fifth term of the HKSAR Government on June 21. The newly appointed officials will assume office on July 1.

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

#### **HKSAR Government welcomes Ministry of Finance's plan to issue sovereign bonds in Hong Kong in 2017**

The Ministry of Finance announced on June 13 of its plan to issue Renminbi (RMB) sovereign bonds totalling RMB14 billion in Hong Kong this year, of which RMB7 billion would be issued in the first half of the year and the remaining RMB7 billion in the second half of the year.

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, welcomed the Ministry of Finance's issuance of RMB sovereign bonds in Hong Kong for the ninth consecutive year, as it demonstrated clearly the Central Government's support in reinforcing Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre and the global offshore RMB business hub, and was conducive to

the development of Hong Kong's bond market.

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

### **Hong Kong becomes new member of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**

The HKSAR Government announced on June 13 that Hong Kong had become a new member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

The Financial Secretary of HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, noted that Hong Kong had a sophisticated, robust and highly liquid financial market, and an abundance of top professionals with global experience, coupled with the unique advantage of “one country, two systems”, made Hong Kong well placed to help the AIIB to raise funds to finance various infrastructure projects.

The Financial Secretary attended the Second Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the AIIB in Jeju, Korea on June 16. This was the first time that Hong Kong had participated in the AIIB’s Board of Governors meeting as an AIIB member.

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### **International meeting on Hong Kong Chinese Materia Medica Standards held in Hong Kong**

The 10th meeting of the International Advisory Board (IAB) on Hong Kong Chinese Materia Medica Standards (HKCMMS) was held in Hong Kong from June 12 to June 14 to finalise the setting of reference standards for 25 Chinese Materia Medica (CMM) commonly used in Hong Kong.

The three-day meeting was attended by over 70 overseas, Mainland and local experts. At the meeting, the IAB reviewed the research work of the current phase for 25 CMM, and followed up on the progress of a pilot study on the reference standards for Chinese medicines decoction pieces. It also evaluated the current state of research and discussed future research direction.

The IAB was established in early 2002 to give advice on the principles, methodologies and

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analytical methods for the development of the HKCMMS. It comprises renowned experts from the Mainland, Australia, Austria, Canada, Germany, Japan, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States, in addition to local experts.

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### **Hong Kong signs agreement with Indonesia on automatic exchange of financial account information in tax matters**

Hong Kong signed an agreement with Indonesia for conducting automatic exchange of financial account information in tax matters (AEOI) on June 16.

Including the agreement with Indonesia, Hong Kong now has 13 AEOI partners. The others are Belgium, Canada, Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

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

### **Overseas Basic Law Online Quiz for 20A**

The Working Group on Overseas Community of the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee launched a Basic Law online quiz competition on June 15. Interested participants may go to check the details, rules and prizes of the game at [www.basiclawquiz2017.hk](http://www.basiclawquiz2017.hk). The competition will close on July 14.

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