

HKETO JOB VACANCY

Applications are invited for the post of Administrative Assistant to serve in the Vancouver Liaison Office of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (“HKETO”). The suitable candidate should be a high school graduate with 3+ years’ experience as an Administrative Assistant; or a post-secondary diploma / degree holder in office administration or related subjects plus 1+ year of administrative experience. The applicant must be fluent in written and spoken English and Chinese (Cantonese), good with figures and possess good knowledge about Hong Kong and Canada. Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to info@hketotoronto.gov.hk on or before July 21, 2017.

For details, please refer to the recruitment advertisement:

[http://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/assets/AA\(VLO\)-Recruitment-Advertisement-20170704.pdf](http://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/assets/AA(VLO)-Recruitment-Advertisement-20170704.pdf)

RECENT ACTIVITIES

2017 Canada Hong Kong Week

Canada Hong Kong Alliance organised the 3rd Canada Hong Kong Week on June 24-30 and HKETO is one of the event sponsors. The event was concluded by a closing gala in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and 150th anniversary of confederation of Canada. Speaking at the gala, Deputy Director of HKETO, Mr Nick Choi, briefed the guests the economic development of Hong Kong in the past 20 years as well as upcoming mega projects in the city. He also mentioned that Hong Kong had overcome various challenges in the past 20 years with the can-do spirit of Hong Kong people and the staunch support of the Central People’s Government.

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1. 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

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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

2. 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 areas of International Village Mall.

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

3. DramaOneVan performance

Vancouver-based performing group 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 -

<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

President Xi Jinping's visit to Hong Kong

President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan arrived in Hong Kong on June 29 for a three-day

visit to attend the activities in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland and the Inaugural Ceremony of the Fifth Term Government of the HKSAR.

During the three-day visit, President Xi visited the West Kowloon Cultural District, inspected troops of the People's Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison, met with people from various sectors of Hong Kong, attended a welcome banquet hosted by the HKSAR Government and the "Grand Variety Show to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Hong Kong's Return to the Motherland". He also attended the Inaugural Ceremony of the Fifth Term HKSAR Government and swore in the Chief Executive and the Principal Officials.

Before concluding his visit, President Xi inspected the major infrastructure projects at Chek Lap Kok, including the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road and the Three-runway System project of the Hong Kong International Airport.

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CE's speech at Inauguration Ceremony of Fifth Term Government

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, delivered a speech at the Inaugural Ceremony of the Fifth Term Government of the HKSAR on July 1 and pledged to respond to the trust and support placed in her by the people of Hong Kong and the Central People's Government with diligence and achievements of the governing team under her leadership in the next five years.

Mrs Lam also shared her vision for Hong Kong, a city of hope and happiness, a vibrant international metropolis city that is just, civilised, safe, affluent, blessed with the rule of law, compassionate and well-governed. She looked forward to connecting with all to build an even better Hong Kong.

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CE launches Facebook and Instagram accounts

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The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, launched a Facebook page and an Instagram account on July 1 to enhance contact and communication with the public.

The Chief Executive's Facebook page and Instagram account could be found below:

www.facebook.com/carrielam.hksar

www.instagram.com/carrielam.hksar

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

CE welcomes the launch of Bond Connect

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, welcomed the launch of Bond Connect on July 3. Bond Connect marked another new chapter in the development of mutual capital markets access between the Mainland and Hong Kong. It would enable eligible overseas investors to access, for the first time, the Mainland interbank bond market through infrastructural connection established between the Mainland and overseas bond markets.

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

HKSAR Government welcomes further increase of investment quota for Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (RQFII) scheme

The HKSAR Government welcomed the announcement by the People's Bank of China on July 4 that the State Council had approved a further increase of the investment quota for Hong Kong's Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (RQFII) scheme from Renminbi (RMB) 270 billion to RMB 500 billion.

The RQFII scheme was launched in Hong Kong in December 2011. The types of institutions eligible for the RQFII scheme and the investment quota have gradually expanded since then. The scheme allows qualified Hong Kong financial institutions to use RMB funds raised in Hong Kong to invest in Mainland securities markets under an approved RMB investment quota.

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

Investment Agreement and Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation signed under framework of CEPA

The then Chief Executive, Mr C Y Leung, witnessed the signing of the Investment Agreement and Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation (Ecotech Agreement) by the Financial

Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, and the Vice Minister of Commerce, Ms Gao Yan, on June 28. The Investment Agreement and Ecotech Agreement were new agreements signed between the HKSAR Government and the Ministry of Commerce under the framework of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA).

With the two new Agreements, CEPA has broadened its scope to become a comprehensive modern free trade agreement covering four important pillars of trade in goods, trade in services, investment, and economic and technical cooperation. Hong Kong businesses can continue to enjoy the most preferential treatment in accessing the Mainland market.

Details on CEPA can be found on the Trade and Industry Department's website at www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/index.html.

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

HK hosts its first museum summit

The Museum Summit, a prestigious international event hosted by Hong Kong for the first time, opened at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on June 26. Themed "Museums in a New Era", the summit has brought together 20 speakers who are leading figures and professionals of world-renowned museums. They shared their precious experiences and insights on a wide array of topics, as well as their visions and blueprints in the face of the challenges in the new era.

For details of the Museum Summit, please visit www.museumsummit.gov.hk/en/index.html.

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

International Competition on Second Life for Retired Batteries from Electric Vehicles concludes successfully

The International Competition on Second Life for Retired Batteries from Electric Vehicles concluded successfully on June 25 at the Science Park with the holding of the championship competition and the prize award ceremony.

Launched by the Environment Bureau in August 2016, the Competition aimed to help identify innovative and practical second-life applications for retired batteries from electric vehicles. The Competition was divided into an Open Group and a Student Group, and attracted more than 50 participating teams from eight countries or cities, namely Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Guangzhou, Macau and Hong Kong.

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

ICAC remains committed in next two decades and beyond

As Hong Kong is entering its 21st year as a Special Administrative Region, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) took the opportunity to reflect on how it keeps corruption at bay and helps putting the city on the map since the reunification.

In the past two decades since 1997, various international and local surveys have ranked Hong Kong one of the cleanest places in the world, and recognised its relentless efforts in the fight against corruption. In 1997, Hong Kong was ranked the 18th least corrupt place among 52 countries and territories in the international survey of Corruption Perceptions Index. After 20 years, the city climbed to the 15th least corrupt place among 176 countries and territories in 2016, three places up from the previous year's ranking.

Backed by a sound legal system, robust anti-corruption laws, a clean civil service and the community's support, the ICAC remains committed as ever to keeping Hong Kong corruption free in the next 20 years and beyond.

For more details, please click the following link:

http://www.icac.org.hk/icac/post/issue27/post_en.html

Hong Kong as a Regional Education Hub

The Education Bureau has produced a new video featuring "Hong Kong as a Regional Education Hub" which features the internationalisation of higher education in Hong Kong.

To view the video, please click the following link of EDB youtube channel:

<https://youtu.be/kaO9EENkb6A>

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