

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO supports painting and photo exhibitions in Vancouver

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) supported the "Emblazoned with Inks and Images" Arts Festival which featured art works by renowned artists of Hong Kong origin in Vancouver.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Festival on July 29, Acting Director of HKETO, Mr Nick Choi, briefed the participants on Hong Kong's dynamic arts and cultural scene. He also mentioned the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District as well as the wide array of activities in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) under the theme "Together • Progress • Opportunity" happening in Hong Kong.

The Arts Festival was organised by the Canada Chinese Arts Bridge Association to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. The painting and photo exhibitions would be held from July 30 to August 11 at the International Arts Gallery and the International Village Mall in Vancouver respectively.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1. "Tuesdays with Morrie" is back to Stage in Vancouver

Hong Kong-based performing group, Chung Ying Theatre Company (Chung Ying), will present drama performances of "Tuesdays with Morrie" at the Gateway Theatre in Vancouver from August 31 to September 2. The performances are part of the HKETO's programme to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR in Canada with the aim of facilitating cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada.

Since its premiere in 2007, the play had toured nine cities around the world with over 150 shows. Countless awards had been received by the performance over the past ten years. This is the third time Chung Ying's Artistic Director Ko Tin Lung team up with Edmond Lo, Assistant Artistic Director and Mitch the first generation, to present the drama to the audience.

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For more information, please visit Chung Ying Theatre Company's official website at:
<http://www.chungying.com/tours/details/52>

2. **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
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<https://www.facebook.com/dramaonevan/>
<http://www.michaeljfoxtheatre.ca/event/2017/>

3. **Business seminar on Succeeding in Asia and beyond through Hong Kong**

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, HKETO will organise a business seminar on "Succeeding in Asia and beyond through Hong Kong" on **October 19** at the Four Seasons Hotel Toronto. Business elites, industry leaders and Government representatives across Canada and from Hong Kong will share with the participants on how Canadian companies can tap on the vast opportunities presented by the rapid-growing Asian market through Hong Kong at this no-charge half-day event. HKETO will announce details of the event and invite registrations later and please save the date for now.

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Government announces co-location arrangement

The HKSAR Government announced the implementation of Hong Kong and Mainland customs, immigration and quarantine (CIQ) procedures (clearance procedures) at the West Kowloon Station (WKS) of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL).

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between Hong Kong and various major Mainland cities.

Hong Kong and the Mainland have adopted similar co-location arrangement at the Shenzhen Bay Port since 2007. It has been operating smoothly and has been well received by travellers.

Relevant documents and announcements in the public interest on the co-location arrangement can be accessed from www.thb.gov.hk/eng/policy/transport/policy/colocation/index.htm

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

FS to officiate at opening ceremony of Jakarta ETO

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, visited Jakarta, Indonesia from July 25 to 27 to officiate at the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Jakarta (Jakarta ETO).

While in Jakarta, Mr Chan also delivered a keynote speech at a business seminar on the Belt and Road Initiative organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Jakarta ETO, to promote cooperation between Hong Kong and Indonesia in seizing the enormous opportunities under the Belt and Road Initiative.

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Click here for the speech by FS at the business seminar:

<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201707/26/P2017072600425.htm>

Appointment of Under Secretaries and Political Assistants

The Chief Executive's Office announced on August 1 that the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, on the recommendations of the Appointment Committee, appointed 10 Under Secretaries and eight Political Assistants of the fifth term of the HKSAR Government.

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