

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law Test in Hong Kong open for application

Prospective applicants for Hong Kong civil service posts at degree or professional level can now apply to sit the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) and Basic Law Test (BLT) scheduled to be held on October 7 and 14 in Hong Kong. Applications must be made before 5pm on August 17 (Hong Kong time).

For the convenience of those studying or residing outside Hong Kong, the CRE and BLT are also scheduled to be held on December 2, 2017 in seven other cities including Toronto. Applications for taking the examination outside Hong Kong will be open from September 23 to October 6, 2017. Persons applying to sit the examination in Hong Kong will not be allowed to apply again for sitting the examination outside Hong Kong.

More details about the coming CRE and BLT are available on the Hong Kong Civil Service Bureau's webpage at www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html

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.

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

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

2. DramaOneVan performance in Vancouver

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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[DramaOneVan's website](#)

[Michael J Fox Theatre's website](#)

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

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.

<http://new.hketo.ca/assets/HKETO-20A-Business-seminar-save-the-date.pdf>

HONG KONG NEWS

CE visits Singapore and Thailand

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, visited Singapore and Thailand on August 2 - 4. During the visit in Singapore, Mrs Lam called on the Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Loong. She remarked that Hong Kong would leverage its advantages under "one country, two systems" to promote economic developments. She hoped that ties with the ASEAN countries, including Singapore, would be strengthened to reap the benefits available to districts and countries along the Belt and Road.

On August 4, Mrs Lam met with the Prime Minister of Thailand, Mr Prayut Chan-o-cha. She introduced to him Hong Kong's unique role in the Belt and Road Initiative and the development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, as well as the advantages of Hong Kong's professional services in areas including finance and construction. She hoped to promote trade

and investment between Hong Kong and Thailand, and step up exchanges between the two governments as well as co-operation in areas including tourism.

Mrs Lam also witnessed the signing of a Letter of Intent between the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Department of International Trade Promotion under the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, which aims to enhance trade promotion and capacity building, foster start-ups and groom young entrepreneurs and talents. She also attended two roundtable forums with leaders of various industries and businesses to exchange views with participants and explore collaboration opportunities before returning to Hong Kong on August 5.

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CE visits Beijing

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, visited Beijing on August 6 – 9. During the visit, Mrs Lam met with the President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Mr Jin Lique, and was very pleased with the admission of Hong Kong as a new member to the AIIB earlier this year. She had every confidence that services to be provided by Hong Kong's professional and financial industries would make important contributions to the AIIB.

Mrs Lam also met with the Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission, Mr He Lifeng, to exchange views on Hong Kong's work in pursuing the Belt and Road Initiative and discuss the signing of a co-operation agreement. Building on Hong Kong's advantages, the agreement will identify the major areas of co-operation to fully leverage Hong Kong's competitive edges. It will also put forward specific collaboration initiatives, particularly in areas such as financing and fund-raising, project participation, economic and commerce, professional, public administration and infrastructure services, as well as people-to-people bonds.

On August 9, Mrs Lam met with the Chairman of the China National Tourism Administration, Mr Li Jinzao, and witnessed the signing of an Agreement on Further Enhancement of Tourism Co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong. Building on the existing basis, the agreement aims to further strengthen exchange and co-operation.

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

First Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage for Hong Kong announced

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced on August 14 the first Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Hong Kong, which comprised 20 items. The Representative List will provide the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government with a basis for prioritising resources and safeguarding measures for intangible cultural heritage (ICH) items, especially those of high cultural value and with an urgent need for preservation.

The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to safeguarding ICH, and endeavours to enhance public awareness and understanding of ICH. Some of the important measures taken by the Government have included the announcement of the first ICH inventory of Hong Kong in 2014 which covered 480 items, the establishment of the ICH Office in 2015, and the setting up of the ICH Centre in the Sam Tung Uk Museum in 2016.

For details and brief descriptions of the first Representative List of ICH, please click:
<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201708/14/P2017081400655.htm>

Hongkong Post announces sale of Mainland and overseas philatelic products

Hongkong Post announced on August 8 that selected philatelic products issued by the postal administrations of Australia, Canada, China, Isle of Man, Macau, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United Nations would be put on sale at 38 philatelic offices and the Hongkong Post Internet shopping mall ShopThruPost (www.shophthruPost.hk) starting from August 10.

Further information about these products can be found on the Hongkong Post Stamps website at www.hongkongpoststamps.hk.

Online version of “Hong Kong 2016” yearbook

The HKSAR Government yearbook, "Hong Kong 2016", was published in July and the internet version is now available at the yearbook website, <http://www.yearbook.gov.hk/>.

The yearbook provides an in-depth account of the Government's policy and activities and an overview of Hong Kong's life and developments in 2016. It contains a wealth of facts and figures about Hong Kong, including over 40 tables of statistics. The 22 chapters feature Hong Kong's constitution and legal system, history, financial and monetary affairs, health, housing and environmental hygiene, among many other topics. A new chapter starting in this edition reports on the Government's policies and progress in innovation and technology.

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