

RECENT ACTIVITIES

1. Performances of “Tuesdays with Morrie” in Vancouver

Hong Kong-based performing group, Chung Ying Theatre Company (Chung Ying), staged two performances of “Tuesdays with Morrie” and hosted a “Meet-the-Artists” seminar at the Gateway Theatre in Vancouver on August 31 to September 2. This was the third time Chung Ying presented the drama to the audience in Canada and it was the drama’s 23rd global run. The event is part of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO)’s programme to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in Canada with the aim of facilitating cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada.

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2. Performances of "Noodle of Love" in Vancouver

Vancouver-based performing group, Dramaonevan, staged two performances of “Noodle of Love” at the Michael J Fox Theatre in Vancouver on September 3. The story was about the running of a small noodle shop in Hong Kong, and showcased the unique spirit of Hong Kong people who are flexible, creative, diligent, caring, and resilient to challenges. The drama was directed by renowned Canadian Hong Kong director, Mr Peter Poon, with the participation of more than 30 performers. HKETO supported this event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR in Canada and share the joy with its friends in Canada.

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3. HKETO sponsored the Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival

The 29th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival organized by the Toronto Chinese Business Association was held at the Marilyn Bell Park in Toronto on September 9 and 10. HKETO is a special sponsor of the event this year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. The 20th Anniversary Hong Kong Cup was presented to the winning team at the event. HKETO had also set up an information booth where visitors could learn more about the Tuen Ng Festival and some interesting facts about modern dragon boat racing which was originated from Hong Kong.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1. Business seminar on “Succeeding in Asia and beyond through Hong Kong” in Toronto – now open for registration

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 into the vast opportunities presented by the rapid-growing Asian market through Hong Kong at this free half-day event. The event is now open for registration. Seats are limited and first-come-first-served.

For details of the event, please visit:

<http://www2.hketo.ca/assets/e-invitation-final.pdf>

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<http://www2.hketo.ca/assets/Business-seminar-registration-form-final.pdf>

2. HKSAR 20th anniversary seminar series: “East Meets West: Eurasians and Hong Kong”

A seminar entitled “East Meets West: Eurasians and Hong Kong” will be held on Friday, September 29, 2 to 4pm, at the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Hong Library, University of Toronto. It is part of the seminar series to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR supported by HKETO. Guest speakers include the Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy, Chancellor Emerita of University of Toronto and retired Senator of Canada, Professor Emma Teng of MIT, and Professor Lisa Mar of the University of Toronto. They would discuss the importance and insights of Eurasians’ dual heritage in Hong Kong.

For more information, please see the event poster at:

<https://hongkong.library.utoronto.ca/event/east-meets-west-uriasians-and-hong-kong>

3. Common recruitment examination in Toronto and Vancouver and booths and talks on working in Hong Kong in universities

For the convenience of those studying or residing outside Hong Kong, the prospective applicants for civil service posts at degree or professional levels in Hong Kong can apply for the Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law Test (CRE and BLT) scheduled to be held on December 2, 2017, in seven overseas cities including Toronto and Vancouver. Applications for taking the examination outside Hong Kong will be open from September 23 to October 6, 2017.

HKETO will host and participate in a series of information talks and booths at different universities across Canada to provide local students with information about working or furthering their studies in Hong Kong. The talk / booth schedules are as follows and please get in touch with the respective career centre of the universities or HKETO if you need further information :

September 15, 10am - 3pm	McGill University – information booth
September 19, 10am - 3pm	Simon Fraser University – information booth
September 19, 10am - 3pm	York University – information booth
September 20, 11am - 3pm	University of Toronto – information booth
September 21, 10am - 3pm	McMaster University – information booth
September 25, 12nn – 1pm	McMaster University – information talk
September 26, 12:30pm – 1:30pm	University of Toronto – information talk
September 27, 10am - 4pm	University of Alberta – information booth
October 3, 10am - 3pm	University of Victoria – information booth
October 4, 3pm – 4pm	University of Alberta – information talk
October 5, 12pm – 1pm	University of Calgary – information talk
October 5, 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Joint information talk for students of University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University

For more details about the CRE and BLT, please visit:
<http://www.csb.gov.hk/english/recruit/cre/949.html>

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Belt and Road Summit attracts over 3,000 participants

The Belt and Road Summit themed "From Vision to Action", co-organised by the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, was held on September 11. The Summit attracted more than 3 000 political leaders, policymakers, business leaders and experts in related trades from all over the world.

The one-day Summit featured four keynote speeches, a keynote luncheon, a series of panel sessions and concurrent investment and business matching sessions, as well as investment project presentations and networking sessions focusing on transport and logistics infrastructure; energy, natural resources and public utilities; and urban development.

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Hong Kong and ASEAN conclude Free Trade Agreement negotiations

Hong Kong and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) announced the conclusion of the negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and a related Investment Agreement on September 9.

The announcement was made at the 2nd ASEAN Economic Ministers-Hong Kong, China Consultations, co-chaired by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, and the Secretary of Trade and Industry of the Philippines, Mr Ramon Lopez, in Pasay City, the Philippines. Economic Ministers or their representatives of the ASEAN Member States also attended the meeting.

ASEAN was Hong Kong's second largest trading partner in merchandise trade in 2016 and the fourth largest in services trade in 2015. Hong Kong's economy stands to benefit from the FTA and the Investment Agreement, which will bring the city more and better access to the ASEAN markets, create new business opportunities and further enhance trade and investment flows.

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Financial Leaders Forum convened the first meeting

The Financial Leaders Forum, chaired by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, held its first meeting on August 30. The meeting discussed the future development of Hong Kong's listing platform, the joint consultation by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on the listing regulatory structure, and received an update on implementation of reports published earlier by the Financial Services Development Council.

The Forum was set up in mid August 2017 and provided a platform to discuss strategic and forward-looking proposals on monetary stability, financial safety and regulation to reinforce Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre.

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Hong Kong FinTech Week the perfect stage for global FinTech business

Invest Hong Kong announced that Hong Kong's regulators, along with a host of private sector partners, entrepreneurs and industry leaders, will participate in the second annual [Hong Kong FinTech Week](#), to be held from October 23 to 27 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai. The Week will focus on the driving forces that shape Hong Kong as a global financial technology (FinTech) hub.

Key themes this year include Hong Kong's core strengths as a hub for raising funds, its active application of blockchain and artificial intelligence, the vibrant incubator and accelerator programmes, and the close connection with Mainland China under the Belt and Road Initiative. Regulatory technology (RegTech), insurance technology and wealth management technology will also be featured strongly, along with cyber security.

To follow the latest programmes and speakers of the FinTech Week, please visit fintechweek.hk, install the FinTech Week app for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) or follow on Twitter ([@HongKongFinTech](https://twitter.com/HongKongFinTech) / [#HKFinTechWeek](https://twitter.com/HKFinTechWeek)).

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Swiss investment bank extends its reach to Hong Kong

Swiss investment bank Vontobel announced that it has been granted a full license by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited to provide securities and derivatives trading on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong as well as on the Futures Exchange of Hong Kong. At the same time, Vontobel became a structured products issuer eligible for launching derivative warrants and callable bull and bear contracts. Vontobel said it is part of the company's expansion plan to use Hong Kong as a base to access the Mainland market and enhance its presence in the Asia region.

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