

RECENT ACTIVITIES

1. Hong Kong – an ideal place for developing career or furthering studies

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) hosted an information talk at the University of Toronto on September 26 to encourage students to develop their careers or further their studies in Hong Kong.

Deputy Director of HKETO, Mr Nick Choi, provided local university students with information about working or furthering their studies in Hong Kong. In particular, he encouraged them to go to Hong Kong to develop their careers by making use of the various immigration schemes for admission of talent, professionals and entrepreneurs. In addition, students were briefed on career opportunities with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, including Native English-speaking Teachers and Administrative Officers.

HKETO also held a similar information talk at the McMaster University on September 25. Information sessions would also be held at different universities on the west coast in early October with details below :

October 4, 3pm – 4pm	University of Alberta
October 5, 12nn – 1pm	University of Calgary
October 5, 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Joint information talk for students of University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University

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

A seminar entitled “East Meets West: Eurasians and Hong Kong” was held on Friday, September 29 at the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Hong Library, University of Toronto. It is part of the seminar series sponsored by HKETO to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. Guest speakers included 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 discussed insights into Eurasians’ dual heritage in Hong Kong at the seminar. A third generation Hong Kong Eurasian was also present at the seminar to share his stories.

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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>

For registration, please visit:

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

2. Common recruitment examinations in Toronto and Vancouver

For the convenience of those studying or residing outside Hong Kong, prospective applicants for civil service posts at degree or professional levels in Hong Kong can apply to sit for the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) and Basic Law Test (BLT) to be held on December 2, 2017, in seven overseas cities including Toronto and Vancouver. The application deadline for taking the examination/test outside Hong Kong is October 6, 2017.

For more details about the CRE and BLT, please visit:

<http://www.csb.gov.hk/english/recruit/cre/949.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

Hong Kong rated as world's freest economy once again

The HKSAR Government welcomed the Fraser Institute's recognition of Hong Kong as the freest economy in the world in its latest report on economic freedom published on September 28.

Among the five broad areas of assessment, Hong Kong continued to attain high ranking in "regulation" (first) and "freedom to trade internationally" (second) in the latest report.

In light of keen global competition, the HKSAR Government will continue to uphold the principles of economic freedom, which is vital for Hong Kong to maintain its competitiveness. The Government will also strive to uphold Hong Kong's institutional strengths, including an open and free environment for trade and business, the fine tradition of the rule of law and an independent judiciary, as well as an efficient government, so as to further promote the economic prosperity of Hong Kong.

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Hong Kong ranked 6th on the Global Competitiveness Index 2017-18

Hong Kong rose up to the 6th position from last year's 9th in the annual Global Competitiveness Index 2017-18 released by the World Economic Forum. Covering 137 economies, the Index measures an economy's competitiveness - defined as the set of institutions, policies and factors that determine the level of productivity. Hong Kong had made the largest leap among the top 10 economies this year, moving ahead of Sweden (7th), the United Kingdom (8th), and Japan (9th).

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CE attends 2017 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference in Changsha

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, led the HKSAR Government delegation to participate in the 2017 Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference in Changsha, Hunan, on September 25.

At the Joint Conference, Mrs Lam had an interactive discussion with other government leaders of the PPRD provinces/regions on matters including taking forward jointly the Belt and Road Initiative and deepening co-operation in innovation and technology.

Mrs Lam stated that in participating in the development of the Belt and Road Initiative, PPRD provinces/regions could "go global" with Hong Kong by utilising Hong Kong as a platform for two-way opening up. Specifically, she mentioned that Hong Kong could contribute in four areas, namely serving as a platform for investment and financing; building a transportation and logistics hub; being a platform for professional services; and taking forward the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area (Bay Area), with a view to complementing and promoting the participation of PPRD

provinces/regions in the Belt and Road Initiative.

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HKMA promotes Hong Kong as gateway to Belt and Road opportunities

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), Mr Norman Chan, promoted Hong Kong as the gateway to Belt and Road investment and financing opportunities in London on September 21.

At the seminar entitled "Hong Kong: Gateway to Belt and Road Opportunities", Mr Norman Chan and guest speakers shared their views on the importance of infrastructure investments along the Belt and Road, investment opportunities as well as challenges, and how the Hong Kong's financial services sector and Infrastructure Financing Facilitation Office (IFFO) could help UK corporations connect with the vast opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative.

IFFO was established in July last year by the HKMA to serve as a collaboration platform bringing together key stakeholders in facilitating infrastructure investments and financing.

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Recruitment for Administrative Officer, Executive Officer II and Assistant Trade Officer II starts

The HKSAR Government started a recruitment exercise on September 16 to recruit around 45, 120 and six candidates for appointment as Administrative Officer (AO), Executive Officer II and Assistant Trade Officer II respectively in 2017-18.

The application for these posts will close at 5pm on October 6 Hong Kong Time. The recruitment is open to all permanent residents of the HKSAR who meet the relevant entry requirements including those residing or studying in overseas. Details of the entry requirements for these posts can be found on the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) homepage at www.csb.gov.hk, as well as at the HKSAR Government portal (GovHK) at www.gov.hk. For the recruitment of AOs, relevant information is also available on a dedicated website at www.ao-recruitment.gov.hk.

All applicants need to obtain Level 2 in the two language papers (i.e. Use of Chinese and Use of English), or equivalent results, and a Pass in the Aptitude Test in the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) before they qualify for any of the above posts. In addition, result of the Basic Law Test (BLT) will constitute an appropriate weighting in an applicant's overall assessment. Applicants who do not possess the requisite CRE

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results, or equivalent, but have applied for the coming CRE and BLT (Degree/Professional Grades) scheduled to be held on October 7 in Hong Kong or on December 2 in seven cities outside Hong Kong including Toronto and Vancouver may also apply. Their applications will be processed subject to their obtaining the requisite CRE results.

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