

HKETO JOB VACANCY

Applications are invited for the post of Office Manager in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Toronto. The suitable candidate should be a university degree holder with good knowledge of accounting and computer skills and suitable experience in office administration. The applicant must be fluent in written and spoken English and Chinese (Cantonese), have good interpersonal and communication skills, and possess good knowledge about Hong Kong and Canada. The successful applicant will be appointed on a one year contract initially. Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to info@hketotoronto.gov.hk on or before 6 November 2017. For details, please refer to the recruitment advertisement.

Click here to view the details.

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO hosts business seminar in celebration of 20th anniversary of HKSAR

HKETO, with the support of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Hong Kong-Canada Business Association, held a business seminar entitled “Succeeding in Asia and Beyond through Hong Kong” on October 19 to promote Hong Kong's unique role as the gateway to Asia and beyond. The business seminar was HKETO’s last event in Canada to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, delivered opening speech at the seminar. She remarked that Hong Kong is an excellent place to do business. Apart from being an open and free market, Hong Kong has many other unparalleled advantages, such as rule of law, independent judiciary, clean and efficient government, simple tax regime with low tax rates, bilingual proficiency in English and Chinese, and a rich pool of professional talents.

Miss Chan specifically highlighted two important tax measures just announced by HKSAR Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam in her 2017 Policy Address: (i) the corporate profits tax rate for the first \$2 million profits earned by enterprises (about CAD300,000) would be reduced by half from 16.5 per cent to 8.25 per cent; and (ii) additional tax deductions would be offered for eligible research and development (R&D) expenditure incurred by enterprises, with the first \$2 million (about CAD300,000) enjoying as much as 300 per cent tax deduction with the remainder at 200 per cent.

Miss Chan further said that Hong Kong is an excellent gateway to Mainland China. The Closer

Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) signed between Hong Kong and Mainland China offers Hong Kong the most preferential investment access than any other external investor in a wide range of sectors. The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link will also greatly enhance connectivity of Hong Kong with other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area. Hong Kong will actively participate in the development of the Bay Area to bring more opportunities to businesses operating in Hong Kong.

In addition, Hong Kong has concluded negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement and a related Investment Agreement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which would offer Hong Kong better and more access to the ASEAN market. Beyond that, Hong Kong also stands ready to partner with Canadian enterprises to capture the opportunities in the wider Belt and Road region.

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HKETO Director visits Vancouver

Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, paid a visit to Vancouver on October 11 and 12 to strengthen Hong Kong's relations with the British Columbia government, Vancouver Airport Authority, Vancouver Port Authority, various local economic development and trade promotion bodies, as well as community leaders of the city.

On October 12, Miss Chan also attended the West Coast Gala organised by the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs to introduce to the guests the unique advantages of doing business in Hong Kong and Hong Kong's position as the gateway for Canadian businesses to establish and expand their operations in Mainland China and the rest of Asia.

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

TIFF's "Johnnie To: Expect the Unexpected"

A major retrospective of Hong Kong filmmaker Johnnie To, "Johnnie To: Expect the Unexpected", curated by Mr Shelly Kraicer in collaboration with TIFF Cinematheque, will be running at the Bell Lightbox from October 26 to December 28.

This series will feature Director Johnnie To's stunningly stripped-down action films, delightful romantic comedies, slapstick farces, and satirical musicals, including THE MISSION, ELECTION, ELECTION II, OFFICE, WU YEN, THE HEROIC TRIO, LOVING YOU etc. A

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total of 18 Johnnie To's most important films will be shown, highlighting some of the best of Hong Kong cinema from the 1980s to the present.

Director To will be in attendance at the Bell Lightbox on October 26 and 27 to introduce the screenings.

For details, please visit: <http://www.tiff.net/#series=johnnie-to-expect-the-unexpected>

Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival 2017

The Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival, with the support of HKETO, will present two films produced by two young Hong Kong directors. The screening details of the films are as follows:

- i) "THE POSTERIST" on Saturday November 11
- ii) "IN YOUR DREAMS" on Sunday November 12

Director Hui See-wai will speak before the screening of "THE POSTERIST" while director Tam Wai-ching will speak before the screening of "IN YOUR DREAMS".

The festival will run from November 9 to 18 at TIFF Bell Lightbox. For more information, please visit the official website at <http://www.reelasian.com/festival/>

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Hong Kong signs agreement with Switzerland on automatic exchange of financial account information in tax matters

HKSAR Government announced on October 13 that it had signed an agreement with Switzerland for conducting automatic exchange of financial account information in tax matters (AEOI).

Including the agreement with Switzerland, Hong Kong now has 15 AEOI partners. The others are Belgium, Canada, Guernsey, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

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

Global Congress on Biotechnology: Diagnostics and Therapeutics

Hong Kong Biotech Horizon 2017 - "Global Congress on Biotechnology: Diagnostics and Therapeutics" organised by Hong Kong Biotechnology Organization (HKBIO) will be held from

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November 22 to 25 at the Hong Kong Science Park to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

The Congress is a flagship event run by HKBIO and brings together communities of scientific researchers, technology developers and entrepreneurs towards progress in translational science. The Congress will focus on biotechnology as a center to build a dynamic ecosystem in the government, biotechnology industry, research and academia, and to exchange information on all aspects of biotechnology in the Asia-Pacific region. It will also provide a platform for businesses, with highlights on the biotech opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and the Belt and Road Initiative.

More information on the Congress and registration could be found at HKBIO's official website: <http://www.hkbio.org.hk/hkbh2017/index.php/en/>

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

The Research Grants Council of Hong Kong is launching the 9th round of the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme. The scheme aims to attract top international students to pursue PhD studies in Hong Kong's world-class research universities. The fellowship provides a monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 (approx. CAD\$3,200) and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$10,000 (approx. CAD\$1,600) per year for a period of three years. More than 230 fellowships will be awarded for PhD studies commencing in the 2018/19 academic year.

For details and application, please visit www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd

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