

## HKETO JOB VACANCY

Applications are invited for the post of Office Manager in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO). 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](mailto:info@hketotoronto.gov.hk) on or before **10 November 2017**.

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## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### HKETO Director visits Winnipeg

The Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, paid a visit to Winnipeg on November 6 and 7 to promote to major business organisations of Manitoba/Winnipeg that Hong Kong is an ideal business partner of Canadian companies to explore the Asia market and beyond.

On November 7, Miss Chan also attended and spoke at the Annual General Meeting and Workshop organised by the Winnipeg chapter of the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association and updated the participants on the latest economic situation of Hong Kong, the advantages of doing business in Hong Kong, and Hong Kong's role as the ideal gateway to Mainland China, Southeast Asia and the wider Belt and Road region.

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Reel Asian showcases the best in Hong Kong Cinema

The Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival (Reel Asian) in partnership with HKETO is proud to present North American premieres of THE POSTERIST and IN YOUR DREAMS at this year's Festival from November 9 to 18.

HKETO is honoured to be once again a major sponsor of the Festival to bring two Hong Kong films to the audience of Toronto this year. Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, will take part in a press conference on November 10 with the director of THE POSTERIST, Mr Hui See-wai. She will also speak before the screening of the film on November 11 with Mr Hui. The other Hong Kong film "IN YOUR DREAMS" will be screened on November 12 and the film's director Tam Wai-Ching and Miss Chan will meet with the audience before the screening.

Tickets are on sale now and the full programme of the Festival can be found at - <http://www.reelasian.com/festival/>

### **HONG KONG NEWS**

#### **Hong Kong ranked world's fifth easiest place to do business**

Hong Kong ranked the fifth in the World Bank's Doing Business 2018 Report released on October 31. The Report once again re-affirmed Hong Kong's position as one of the world's easiest places to do business. The World Bank commended Hong Kong for successful implementation of reform measures to make doing business easier, namely improving the quality of the land administration system by enhancing its reliability and establishing a complaints mechanism.

The report compared the ease of doing business in 190 economies across 10 indicators. Hong Kong performs well in four indicators, namely "starting a business" (third), "paying taxes" (third), "getting electricity" (fourth) and "dealing with construction permits" (fifth).

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#### **Hong Kong is a staunch supporter of trade and investment liberalisation**

Hong Kong bears strong testimony to the benefits of trade and investment liberalisation, and has strong faith that increasing interaction among economies will promote growth and bring enormous benefits, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, said at the 29th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting in Da Nang, Vietnam on November 8.

Attaining the Bogor Goals of free and open trade and investment is one of APEC's key

initiatives. Mr Yau said Hong Kong supports high quality bilateral and regional trade agreements that promote trade and investment, and in turn, economic growth. Hong Kong has just concluded negotiations on the Hong Kong-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement, and will continue to push for the realisation of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific, which would be a major step forward in the direction of economic integration of the Asia-Pacific Region.

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### **Hong Kong, China and European Free Trade Association States conducted First Joint Committee meeting under Free Trade Agreement**

The first meeting of the Joint Committee established under the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Hong Kong and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States, comprising Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, was held in Geneva, Switzerland on October 31. The parties exchanged views on the implementation of the FTA, information on their economic and trade situation as well as other issues of interest.

In addition to the FTA with the EFTA States, Hong Kong has signed a Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) with the Mainland, a Closer Economic Partnership Agreement with New Zealand, an FTA with Chile and a CEPA with Macao. HKSARG will sign an FTA with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in November this year and sign an FTA with Georgia upon the completion of all the necessary internal procedures by both parties. In addition, the negotiation on bilateral FTAs with Australia and the Maldives will continue.

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### **Hong Kong emerges from Fintech Week as Asian leader**

Following the speeches, presentations and panel sessions involving financial technology (Fintech) experts from around the world, the main story emerging from the second annual Hong Kong Fintech Week, which ended on October 27, is that Hong Kong is very much a Fintech leader in Asia, and one that welcomes companies looking to establish themselves in the region.

Led by Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK), Fintech Week drew more than 4 000 attendees from over 50 countries. More than 300 speakers from prestigious companies shared knowledge, experience and analysis of their respective industries. Alongside the packed events in the main hall and workshop rooms, more than 150 one-on-one meetings took place involving entrepreneurs, regulators, incubators, venture capitalists and service providers.

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### **Blue House Cluster wins Award of Excellence of UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation**

The Blue House Cluster under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme (Revitalisation Scheme) has won the Award of Excellence of the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. It is the first time a built heritage conservation project in Hong Kong has received this award.

Launched in 2000, the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation aim to recognise and encourage conservation and restoration projects under private initiatives and public-private partnership within the Asia-Pacific region.

The Blue House Cluster is one of the projects under the Revitalisation Scheme. It mainly comprises three tenement buildings, namely the Blue House, the Yellow House and the Orange House, which were constructed from the 1920s to the 1950s. The compound has been revitalised into Viva Blue House, a multi-functional complex providing residential accommodation and various kinds of services to the local community.

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