

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO Director attends HKUAAO's Annual Dinner

Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Miss Kathy Chan, attended the annual dinner hosted by the Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario on April 27 in Toronto. Speaking at the annual dinner, Miss Chan updated the participants on the latest economic situation of Hong Kong and the city's active participation in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area. Miss Chan also took the opportunity to introduce Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government's commitment to bettering education. She hoped to see more co-operation between the tertiary institutions of the two places.

The HKU North American Delegation Team led by Vice President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global), Professor John Kao, also attended the dinner.

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HKETO Director attends OCE Discovery Conference

On April 30, Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, attended the Discovery 2018 Conference hosted by the Ontario Centres of Excellence in Toronto. Speaking at the "Innovation Partners Overview" session of the Conference, Miss Chan gave an account of the vibrant start-up scene in Hong Kong and highlighted the HKSAR Government's commitment to develop Hong Kong into an important international innovation and technology hub.

Two speakers from Hong Kong also spoke at the session. They were Head of StartmeupHK at Invest HK, Ms Jayne Chan, who spoke on the start-up ecosystem in Hong Kong, and Chief Technology Officer of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, Mr George Tee, who introduced how the corporation helps businesses grow and expand in Asia.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Seminar on “Hong Kong and the Gold Mountain Dream”

The York Centre for Asian Research and the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library are co-presenting the Second Bernard H.K. Luk Memorial Lecture in Hong Kong Studies, titled “Hong Kong and the Gold Mountain Dream”, on May 10, 2018. HKETO is a sponsor of the seminar. Professor Elizabeth Sinn from the University of Hong Kong will be the keynote speaker of this event. She will be speaking on Hong Kong as an “in-between place” during Chinese migration to California for various opportunities in the latter part of the 19th century.

Other speakers of the event include: Chancellor Emerita of the University of Toronto and retired Senator of Canada, Dr. Vivienne Poy; Director of the York Centre for Asian Research, Professor Abidin Kusno; Chief Librarian of the University of Toronto Libraries, Mr. Larry Alford; and Richard Charles Lee Chair in Chinese Canadian Studies of the University of Toronto, Professor Lisa Mar.

For more information, please click [here](#) to see the event poster.

“Hong Kong: Asia’s World City” Roving Exhibition

HKETO will stage the “Hong Kong: Asia’s World City” Roving Exhibition at various locations in the Greater Toronto Area and the Greater Vancouver Area from May to October 2018. The exhibition will showcase the achievements and little known beauty of Hong Kong in various aspects such as economic development, innovation and technology, transport and infrastructure, and arts and culture, etc.

The first stop of the roving exhibition will be held at the Markham Civic Centre from May 18 to 24, 2018, and an opening ceremony to kick off the exhibition in the Greater Toronto Area will be held at the Centre on May 18, 2018. The tentative dates and venues of other stops are as follows:

June 14-19	Vancouver Public Library in Vancouver
June 18-24	Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto
July 11-17	Aberdeen Centre in Richmond
August 20-26	Cadillac Fairview Mall in Toronto

August 27-31 Toronto City Hall
Early October McMaster University in Hamilton

HKETO sponsors Hong Kong Cup – Calligraphy and Painting Competitions

HKETO continues to sponsor this year's "Hong Kong Cup – Calligraphy and Painting Competitions" organised by the Association of Chinese Arts and Literacy Contest for Youth. The competitions aimed to increase students' understanding of Hong Kong. Adjudication of the competitions was concluded on May 5.

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

The Award Ceremony will be held on May 21, 2018 at the Chinese Cultural Centre Greater Toronto. Apart from presenting trophies to the winners in different contest categories, selected performances by the winners will also be staged.

For more information, please visit the official website of the organiser:
<https://sites.google.com/site/newcalcywebsite/home>

2018 HKCBA National Conference

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA) will host its 2018 National Conference in Montreal on May 25, 2018. The Conference will look into the latest economic developments of China and the rest of Asia, as well as showcase the opportunities presented by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative and how Canadian companies can use Hong Kong as the platform to tap into the opportunities in China and the wider Belt and Road region. HKETO is the lead sponsor of the event. Register now. The detailed programme is set out in the link below.

<https://www.hkcba.com/cpages/hkcba-national-conference-2>

30th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival

The 30th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival organised by the Toronto Chinese Business Association will be held on June 16 and 17, 2018 at the Toronto Centre Island. About 200 teams with over 5 000 athletes from all provinces across

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Canada, U.S., the Caribbean Islands, Europe and Asia will compete in the 2-day race. HKETO is the Special Sponsor of the event.

For more information, please visit the organiser's website:

<http://dragonboats.com/>

3rd Belt and Road Summit in Hong Kong

HKETO, in partnership with HKCBA and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), would like to invite Canadian companies to join the 3rd Belt and Road Summit which will be held on June 28, 2018 in Hong Kong.

The Summit will bring together senior government officials, representatives of international institutions, business leaders and industry experts from countries along and beyond the Belt and Road to exchange views on multilateral co-operation and explore new business opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative. The Summit will enable participants to leverage Hong Kong's unique advantages to seize the enormous business opportunities presented by the Initiative from banking and financial services, logistics and maritime services, professional services, infrastructure development to international trade and manufacturing, etc.

For registration and more details about the Summit, please contact Mr Andrew Yui, Director, Canada, HKTDC, at andrew.yui@hktdc.org (email) or 416-366-3594 (telephone).

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CE visits Indonesia

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, accompanied by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, visited Jakarta, Indonesia on April 25 to enhance Hong Kong's collaboration with Indonesia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Mrs Lam called on the Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN, Mr Huang Xilian, to learn about the latest developments in the relationship between the nation and ASEAN. She also met with the President of Indonesia, Mr Joko Widodo, to explore collaboration in various aspects between the two places.

In addition, Mrs Lam addressed a luncheon organised by HKTDC and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong, to promote Hong Kong's advantages to the Indonesian business sector and the opportunities that Hong Kong and Indonesia can seize together under the Belt and Road Initiative. She also visited the ASEAN Secretariat and called on the Chinese Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Xiao Qian.

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

Pilot Technology Talent Admission Scheme to be rolled out

To meet the needs of the innovation and technology (I&T) sector in getting talent, the HKSAR Government will roll out a Technology Talent Admission Scheme (TechTAS) to provide a fast-track arrangement for the admission of overseas and Mainland research and development talent. Successful technology companies and institutes will be given quotas for bringing in such people. The scheme will run on a pilot basis for three years. A maximum of 1 000 persons will be admitted in the first year of operation.

As a start, the TechTAS will be open to tenants and incubatees of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and Cyberport that are engaged in the areas of biotechnology, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, robotics, data analytics, financial technologies and material science.

More information on the TechTAS is available at the website of the Innovation and Technology Commission at www.itc.gov.hk/en/techtas/index.htm

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

Revitalised Dr Sun Yat-sen Historical Trail becomes Hong Kong's latest cultural attraction

The Revitalisation Project of Dr Sun Yat-sen's Historical Trail was completed on April 26. The revitalised Trail, integrating art elements under the theme of "art across time" and in concert with the unique cultural and historical ambiance of the Central and Western District, will become Hong Kong's latest cultural attraction.

Under the revitalisation project, nine local artists were invited to create unique artworks to replace the original memorial plaques along the Trail. By integrating the past and

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the present with art element, the artists interpreted details of history from when Dr Sun Yat-sen was in Hong Kong in art form to provide a rich and brand new travel experience for visitors and locals.

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