

RECENT ACTIVITIES

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

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) will stage the “Hong Kong: Asia’s World City” Roving Exhibition in different cities across Canada this year. The exhibition showcases Hong Kong’s achievements in various areas such as economic development, innovation and technology, transport and infrastructure and arts and culture, as well as the beauty of its natural environment to members of the Canadian public.

An opening ceremony to kick off the exhibition in the Greater Toronto Area was held at the Markham Civic Centre on May 18, 2018. The ceremony was graced by Senator of the Parliament Mr Victor Oh, Member of Parliament Ms Mary Ng, Mayor of the City of Markham Mr Frank Scarpitti, and councillors from Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill. Another opening ceremony to launch the exhibition in the Greater Vancouver Area will be held on June 14 at the Vancouver Public Library.

The tentative dates and venues of other stops are as follows:

May 18 to 24	Markham Civic Centre
June 14 to 19	Vancouver Public Library
June 18 to 24	Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto
Late July/Early Aug	Aberdeen Centre in Richmond
August 20 to 26	Cadillac Fairview Mall in Toronto
August 27 to 31	Toronto City Hall
September 11 to 17	Vaughan City Hall
Early October	McMaster University in Hamilton

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Seminar on “Hong Kong and the Gold Mountain Dream”

The York Centre for Asian Research and the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library co-presented the Second Bernard H.K. Luk Memorial Lecture in Hong Kong Studies, entitled “Hong Kong and the Gold Mountain Dream”, on May 10, 2018. HKETO was a sponsor of the seminar. Professor Elizabeth Sinn, the keynote speaker from the

University of Hong Kong, spoke on the role of Hong Kong as an “in-between place” in the latter part of the 19th century when Chinese migrants went through Hong Kong to different parts of the world for various opportunities.

Other speakers of the event included: Chancellor Emerita of the University of Toronto and retired Senator of Parliament, 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 Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies of York University, Professor Joan Judge.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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 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/>

Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival

The 30th Concord Pacific Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival organised by the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society will be held from June 22 to 24, 2018 at Concord Pacific Place, Creekside Park and the waters of False Creek in Vancouver. About 5 500 paddlers in over 200 teams from across Canada and the world will compete in this racing festival. HKETO sponsored the Trophy Award, which will be presented to the winners of the International Champion Race with competing teams from Hong Kong, China and the United States.

For more information, please visit the official website at:

<http://vancouverdragonboatfestival.ca/info/visit/>

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).

HONG KONG NEWS

HKSAR Government thanks President for making important instructions on

issues raised by HK academicians of Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chinese Academy of Engineering

Chinese President Xi Jinping has made an important instruction in response to a letter written to him by 24 Hong Kong academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering, expressing concern about cross-boundary remittance of science and technology project funding to Hong Kong. The Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Finance have promulgated provisions on opening up science and technology funding of the Chinese Government for application by higher education institutions and research institutions in Hong Kong, which include the arrangements on cross-boundary remittance of approved project funding to Hong Kong, with a view to further enhancing the role of the local technology sector in promoting national technological advancement.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government on May 14 welcomes the initiative and is very thankful to President Xi for personally making the instruction which affirms that Hong Kong has a solid technological foundation and a pool of quality scientific and technological talents, and recognises the significant contribution made by Hong Kong's science and technology sector to the development of Hong Kong and the country. The instruction also mentions that the Chinese Government will promote collaboration between Hong Kong and Mainland China on the technology front and support Hong Kong to become an international innovation and technology hub.

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CE visits Sichuan

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, led a HKSAR delegation with over 120 members and working staff to visit Sichuan Province from May 11 to 13, 2018 to attend the high-level meeting cum First Plenary of the Hong Kong-Sichuan Co-operation Conference, the Hong Kong-Sichuan Exchange Conference on Investment and Trade Co-operation, and events related to post-earthquake reconstruction support work after the massive Wenchuan earthquake of 2008.

Mrs Lam and the Secretary of the CPC Sichuan Provincial Committee, Mr Peng Qinghua, co-chaired the high-level meeting cum First Plenary of the Hong Kong-Sichuan Co-operation Conference in Chengdu with the attendance of the HKSAR Government members of the delegation. The meeting cum plenary established a new co-operation

mechanism as a platform for the multifaceted co-operation between Hong Kong and Sichuan.

In addition, Mrs Lam and Mr Peng, together with the Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Zhang Xiaoming, and the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Mr Wang Zhimin, witnessed the signing of the arrangement for the Hong Kong-Sichuan Co-operation Conference and the memorandum for the High-Level Meeting cum First Plenary of the Hong Kong-Sichuan Co-operation Conference between Sichuan and Hong Kong.

Afterwards, Mrs Lam and all of the delegation members joined the Hong Kong-Sichuan Exchange Conference on Investment and Trade Co-operation. They witnessed the signing of a number of co-operation agreements between organisations from creative industries, higher education institutions, associations from different sectors and business enterprises, demonstrating that Hong Kong-Sichuan co-operation has passed beyond the traditional relationship in economic and trade areas and is heading towards multifaceted and comprehensive co-operation.

During the stay, Mrs Lam also visited an exhibition held by the Sichuan Provincial Government on the 40th anniversary of the reform and opening up, HK-Sichuan co-operation and 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's post-earthquake reconstruction support work in Sichuan. She also attended a ceremony in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the massive Wenchuan earthquake organised by Sichuan Province in Wenchuan, and visited several universities in Sichuan which have academic projects with the universities in Hong Kong.

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CE visits Huizhou and Guangzhou

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, visited two cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, namely Huizhou and Guangzhou, on May 16 and 17.

Accompanied by the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, Mrs Lam met with the Acting Mayor of Huizhou, Mr Liu Ji. She said at the meeting that the HKSAR Government attaches great importance to the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area and expressed the hope that the two cities will explore

more collaboration in various industries in the future to seize together the opportunities brought about by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area.

Mrs Lam continued the trip to Guangzhou with the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, and Mr Chan. They had a meeting with Secretary of the CPC Guangzhou Municipal Committee, Mr Ren Xuefeng. With the opening of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link in September this year, Mrs Lam believed that the level of co-operation between the two places will be enhanced, allowing them to jointly promote the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area and helping Hong Kong better integrate into the overall development of the country. She also believed that the economy in various cities in the Bay Area will be boosted and people's livelihood will be improved.

Mrs Lam continued her visit to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area on May 17 where she conducted visits to enterprises in relation to innovation and technology. She also met with Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Mr Li Xi, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr Ma Xingrui. She expressed the hope that the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area would raise Hong Kong-Guangdong co-operation to a new stage.

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Mainland Chinese and overseas companies establish foothold in Hong Kong

US law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP officially launched its regional office in Hong Kong on May 17, tapping into the growing demand for cross-border legal services by multinational companies in Hong Kong as well as in the Asia-Pacific region. Seyfarth Shaw provides thoughtful, strategic and practical legal counsel to its client companies and legal teams of all sizes. The Hong Kong office will work across local rules and practices to assist clients in key areas, including employment, corporate and commercial.

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In addition, Global market research company Euromonitor International officially opened its Hong Kong office on May 17 with the aim of capturing new business opportunities, including those arising from the Belt and Road Initiative. Euromonitor International provides in-depth market research, analysis and consulting across 100

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countries. The Hong Kong office is the company's 14th office worldwide and will manage business in Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, including a focus on new services that are related to financial technology, digital and e-commerce sectors.

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On May 18, Mainland Chinese financial group Atom Capital (Hong Kong) Limited announced that it has set up its regional headquarters in Hong Kong, leveraging the city's status as an international financial centre to expand its business in the region. Atom Capital is a Mainland Chinese start-up that offers investment services such as hedge fund and foreign exchange trading as well as private equity and the Internet-based finance for high net worth individuals and institutional investors. Its service network covers major financial centres in Greater China, Singapore, New York, London and the European Union.

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Order on Comprehensive Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement with Saudi Arabia gazetted

An order made by the Chief Executive in Council under the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to implement the Comprehensive Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (CDTA) with Saudi Arabia was gazetted on May 18, 2018. The CDTA with Saudi Arabia ensures that investors will not have to pay tax twice on a single source of income. It will also bring tax savings and a greater certainty on taxation liabilities for investors from Saudi Arabia when they engage in trade and investment activities with Hong Kong and vice versa.

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Hong Kong team achieves outstanding results at Asian Physics Olympiad

A team of eight secondary school students representing Hong Kong at the 19th Asian Physics Olympiad (APhO) performed outstandingly, winning one gold, one silver and three bronze medals and an honourable mention.

The APhO aims to promote physics education and to nurture and inspire teenagers who are highly talented in physics. This year, the APhO was held from May 6 to May 12,

2018 in Hanoi, Vietnam. One hundred and eighty-eight students from 25 countries or regions with outstanding abilities in physics participated in the event.

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The 2018 Rural Representative Election voter registration campaign starts

The voter registration campaign for the 2018 Rural Representative Election (RRE) in Hong Kong was launched on May 14, 2018. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) appeals to all eligible persons who have not registered as electors and want to have their names on this year's register to submit their applications for voter registration by July 16, 2018.

There are three types of Rural Representatives, namely Indigenous Inhabitant Representatives, Resident Representatives and Kaifong Representatives. There are different eligibility requirements for registration as electors for these elections. Applicants should ascertain whether they fulfil the requirements.

The forms of "Application for New Voter Registration" and "Application for Change of Registered Particulars" can be obtained from the HAD, District Offices and government offices outside Hong Kong, or downloaded from the RRE website (www.had.gov.hk/rre).

Completed and signed forms should be forwarded in person or by post to the HAD or any District Office, by fax (fax number: +852 2591 6392) or email (rre@had.gov.hk) on or before the respective deadlines, Hong Kong time.

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General holidays for 2019 published

The list of Hong Kong's general holidays in 2019 was gazetted on May 11 for public information.

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