

RECENT ACTIVITIES

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

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) kick-started the roving exhibition entitled “Hong Kong: Asia’s World City” in the Greater Vancouver Area on June 14. The roving exhibition, which was first launched in the City of Markham in the Greater Toronto Area in May, will be staged in different cities across Canada this year.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the roving exhibition held at the Vancouver Central Library, Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, said the roving exhibition provides an opportunity for the Canadian public to learn more about Hong Kong, especially some little-known facts about the Asia’s world city. The exhibition showcases the achievements of Hong Kong in areas such as economic development, innovation and technology, transport and infrastructure and arts and culture, as well as the beauty of its natural environment.

The tentative dates and venues of the roving exhibition in various cities across Canada are as follows:

June 18 to 24	Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto
July 24 to 30	Aberdeen Centre in Richmond
July 30 to August 3	Oakville Town Centre
August 20 to 26	Cadillac Fairview Mall in Toronto
August 27 to 31	Toronto City Hall
September 11 to 17	Vaughan City Hall
September 11 to 17	Central City in Surrey
October 8 to 14	Metropolis at Metrotown in Burnaby
Early October	McMaster University in Hamilton

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The 30th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival

The 30th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival, organised by the Toronto Chinese Business Association, was held on the Centre Island in Toronto on June 16 and 17. HKETO is a special sponsor of the event.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, noted that dragon boating as a sports competition originated from Hong Kong, and HKETO is glad to see that dragon boat racing has developed roots in Canada.

HKETO has set up a pavilion where visitors could learn more about the history of dragon boating and take pictures against some beautiful images of Hong Kong. In addition, the Hong Kong Cup was presented to the winning team at the event.

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Hong Kong Seminar Series - Lyric Composition for Cantonese Songs and Musicals

The Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto organised a seminar on June 19 to discuss the writing of Cantonese lyrics for songs and musicals in Hong Kong. HKETO is a sponsor of the seminar.

At this seminar entitled “Lyric Composition for Cantonese Songs and Musicals”, an award-winning lyricist in Hong Kong, Mr Chris Shum, shared with the audience his lyrics writing journey.

At the opening of the seminar, Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government is committed to advancing the city as an international cosmopolitan of arts and culture. Hong Kong is pushing ahead with the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District, one of the largest cultural projects in the world, which will greatly enrich the cultural life of the people of Hong Kong.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

HKETO sponsors the 25th Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival

Organised by the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation, HKETO is a sponsor of the 25th

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Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival which will be held between June 21 and 24, 2018 at the Mooney's Bay Park in Ottawa. HKETO is a sponsor of the event and will set up panels to introduce interesting facts about dragon boating at the venue.

For more information, please visit the official website at:

<http://www.dragonboat.net/>

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. HKETO sponsored the Trophy Award, which will be presented to the winner 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/>

2018 Calgary Dragon Boat Race & Festival

HKETO will sponsor the 2018 Calgary Dragon Boat Race & Festival organised by the Calgary Dragon Boat Society on August 11 and 12, 2018 at North Glenmore Park in Calgary. HKETO is a sponsor of the event. The Hong Kong Cup will be presented to the winning team, and exhibition panels will be set up to show to the visitors the history of dragon boating.

For more information, please visit the official website at:

<https://www.calgarydragonboatsociety.com/>

3rd Belt and Road Summit in Hong Kong

HKETO, in partnership with the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association 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 in Hong Kong on June 28, 2018.

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 Europe

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, started her visit to Belgium, France and Germany on June 14. On June 14, Mrs Lam met with the Vice President of the European Commission and High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Ms Federica Mogherini. Mrs Lam expressed the hope that collaboration between Hong Kong and the European Union (EU) will continue to strengthen, and in particular welcomed scientific and research institutions from the EU to develop in Hong Kong.

Mrs Lam then attended a business luncheon co-organised by the European Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels. The luncheon was graced by the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs, Mr Didier Reynders, and European Commissioner for Trade, Ms Cecilia Malmström. Mrs Lam also had audience with HM King Philippe of the Belgians at the Royal Palace.

On June 15, Mrs Lam met with the President of the European Commission, Mr Jean-Claude Juncker in Brussels. Noting that Hong Kong, which has been a staunch supporter of free trade, signed a Free Trade Agreement and a related Investment Agreement with the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations last year, she hoped to commence relevant discussion with the EU. Mrs Lam then visited the Belgian Parliament and met with the President of the Chamber of Representatives, Mr Siegfried Bracke, to introduce to him Hong Kong's latest situation.

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On June 16, Mrs Lam and the Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux, Mr Stephan Delaux, witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) and the Convention and Tourism Office of Bordeaux Metropole on strengthening of collaboration in wine and food tourism promotion between the two places.

On June 18, Mrs Carrie Lam met with the Vice President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, Mrs Caroline Pozmentier-Sportich, in Marseille. Mrs Lam then attended a ceremony on delivery of helicopters for the Government Flying Service. The State Secretary to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Mr Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne, also attended the ceremony. After the ceremony, Mrs Lam attended a lunch hosted by the Chief Executive of Airbus Helicopters and toured the Airbus Helicopters.

On June 19, Mrs Lam met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian. She expressed the hope that Hong Kong and France will have more collaboration in the future, including in the promotion of free trade and participation in the Belt and Road Initiative. Mrs Lam then joined a breakfast meeting hosted by Institut Montaigne, a think tank in France, which was attended by French business leaders, academics, etc.

On June 20, Mrs Lam attended and spoke at the "Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area" (Bay Area) seminar which was jointly held by Hong Kong, Guangdong and Macao governments in Paris. She called on French businesses to take advantage of the unique business opportunities arising from the Bay Area.

Mrs Lam will depart for Germany on June 21 for attending the Opening Ceremony of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting 2018 and a session on the promotion of science innovation across different cultures in Lindau.

She will return to Hong Kong on June 26.

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HKSAR Government welcomes proposed development of first European design flower-themed garden in Hong Kong

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, attended the signing ceremony of co-operation agreements of a tourism project, the Kaleido Park, between Hong Kong-based event organiser, Mr Alan Fang, and Dutch floriculture expert, Mr Ibo Gülsen, in Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands on June 18. Mr Yau witnessed the signing ceremony together with the Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Mrs Sigrid Kaag.

Mr Yau remarked that the HKSAR Government welcomed the project, when materialised, will not only bring a new attraction for the enjoyment of the local community, but also enrich the tourism offerings, further enhancing Hong Kong's position as an international premier tourist destination. The Kaleido Park organiser is considering locating the flower park at the site reserved for Hong Kong Disneyland Resort's possible Phase 2 development.

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

CE welcomes passage of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Co-location) Bill

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, welcomed the passage of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Co-location) Bill by the Legislative Council on June 14, signifying a big step towards the target of the commissioning of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) in September this year.

Mrs Lam said that the passage of the Bill marks the basic completion of the "Three-step Process" of the co-location arrangement at the XRL West Kowloon Station. It provides a sound legal basis for the co-location arrangement, fully unleashing the transport, economic and social benefits of the XRL.

After the commissioning of the Hong Kong Section of the XRL, people will be able to take direct trains to four short-haul stations, namely Futian, Shenzhen North, Humen and Guangzhou South, realising the "one-hour living circle" in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area. It will also connect Hong Kong to 14 cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Fuzhou, Xiamen and Guilin by direct long-haul trains.

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

ICMA and HKMA co-host 2018 Green and Social Bond Principles Annual General Meeting and Conference in Hong Kong

The International Capital Market Association (ICMA) and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) co-hosted the 2018 Green and Social Bond Principles Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference in Hong Kong on June 14.

The conference brought together some 800 industry professionals from around the world, including investors, issuers, intermediaries, external reviewers and rating agencies, the official sector including policy makers and market supervisors, stock exchanges, law firms and other professional services firms, to debate advances in this market and the requirements for its future success.

This is the first time that this flagship international green finance event is being held in Asia, signifying the growing influence of Asia in the development of green bonds in particular, and sustainable finance more widely, as well as recognising Hong Kong's status and importance as an international financial centre.

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

First Belt and Road Joint Conference held in Beijing

The first Belt and Road Joint Conference was convened in Beijing on June 12 by the HKSAR Government with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council (HKMAO) as well as other relevant central ministries. The Joint Conference discussed the strategy for promoting Hong Kong's full participation in the Belt and Road Initiative and the work priorities for the year were also discussed.

The HKSAR Government officials attending the meeting included the Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC; the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau; the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip.

At the meeting, it was agreed that the Joint Conference would be convened at least once a year as a platform for regular and direct communication.

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

Cosmetics company and travel tech start-up open in Hong Kong

Japan-listed cosmetics review media and retail company, istyle Inc., announced on June 7 that it will open its first cosmetics store "@cosme store" in Hong Kong as part of its global expansion plan. The new store is located at a tourist hotspot in Tsim Sha Tsui, offering a wide range of popular Japanese cosmetic brands. The president of istyle Retail (Hong Kong) Co, Limited, Mr Hajime Endo, said that Hong Kong is a large market for Japanese cosmetics given the high popularity of Japanese cosmetics among Hong Kong shoppers. With a shop in Hong Kong, they can also reach out to huge number of international and Mainland Chinese visitors to promote their brand globally.

In addition, global travel tech start-up, Hey Travelista, announced on June 8 that it has opened its Hong Kong office as the global headquarters to launch their new online travel platform for affluent travellers in Asia. Hey Travelista offers its registered members exclusive high-end and unique hotel packages, with additional value-added inclusions, through its new travel platform. Its co-founder Mr Tony Low said that Hong Kong has a huge tourism market. As Hong Kongers are among the most frequent travellers in the world, they want to be part of this market. Also, the city is next to Mainland China and its growing number of middle class travellers. It is a perfect place for a travel tech company to launch.

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

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Hong Kong as a startup hub

Euronews, an international TV news channel, has created a two-part television programme. The first part about Hong Kong as a startup hub is on air from June 11 until June 20. The segment is now available online in 11 languages. The English and French versions can be viewed in the following links:

English:

<http://www.euronews.com/2018/06/11/hong-kong-driving-growth-in-a-leading-global-financial-hub>

French:

<http://fr.euronews.com/2018/06/11/les-cles-du-succes-des-europeens-a-hong-kong>

New website about Hong Kong's Legal Services

The HKSAR Government has launched a new website to provide one-stop access for information on Hong Kong's legal services, which is the major strength of Hong Kong and an area of significant importance for Hong Kong's role in the Belt and Road Initiative as well as the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area. The site will be updated frequently with new content.

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

Recruitment of qualified doctors outside Hong Kong

The Department of Health in Hong Kong is recruiting qualified doctors outside Hong Kong for the positions of Non-civil Service Contract Doctor (without Full Registration) and Contract Doctor (without Full Registration) (Child Assessment).

Applications for the post of Contract Doctor (without Full Registration) are accepted all year round. Eligibility requirements are set out in the attached recruitment notices of the Department of Health for the above two positions. Online application can be made through the Civil Service Bureau's website at <http://www.csb.gov.hk>. Job numbers are 40221 (Contract Doctor (without Full Registration)) and 40248 (Contract Doctor (without Full Registration) (Child Assessment)).

(Attachments - DH1 and DH2)

In addition, the Hospital Authority (HA) in Hong Kong is recruiting qualified doctors outside Hong Kong for the positions of Service Resident Positions for Experienced Doctors (without Full Registration) and Associate Consultant Positions for Experienced Doctors (without Full Registration). HA manages 43 hospitals and institutions, 48 Specialist Out-patient Clinics and 73 General Out-patient Clinics as at April 1, 2018.

Eligibility requirements are set out in the attached recruitment notices. Application should be submitted via the HA website at <http://www.ha.org.hk> on or before August 19, 2018 (Hong Kong Time). Direct links are appended below for easy reference (English only)

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(Attachments - HA1 and HA2)

i) Service

Resident: https://erecruit.ha.org.hk/career/Default.asp?PID=3&AC=HKHA&EC=HA_Ad m&GC=HAADM&JobID=29150&LID=1&WD5A61597841978073

ii) Associate

Consultant: https://erecruit.ha.org.hk/career/Default.asp?PID=3&AC=HKHA&EC=HA_Ad m&GC=HAADM&JobID=29149&LID=1&WD5A9418886899948

You can also refer to the attached promotional brochure of HA on recruitment of non-locally trained doctors.

(Attachment - HA brochure)

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