

### RECENT ACTIVITY

#### **HKETO hosts sharing session for summer interns from Hong Kong**

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) hosted a sharing session on July 17 for summer interns from universities in Hong Kong who are on attachment to local academic or community organisations in the Greater Toronto Area.

Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, met with the students and briefly introduced to them the role of HKETO in promoting the bilateral relations between Hong Kong and Canada. She encouraged the students to make the most of their internship in Canada, which would be useful to their future career development.

The summer interns also shared their experience in Canada and what they had learnt from the internship.

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

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### **Summer show-cum-artistic talk by Hong Kong choreographer**

The Little Pear Garden Dance Company will produce a summer showcase of contemporary creations featuring the works of, amongst others, Mr Felix Chen, its Resident Guest Choreographer from Hong Kong, at the Winchester Street Theatre in Toronto on July 22, 2018. Mr Chen will also speak at a pre-show artists talk to share his experience of modern dance creation. During his stay in Toronto from June 29 to July 25, Mr Chen will give classes and workshops of techniques in Chinese contemporary and traditional dance as well as choreographic techniques to local dancers and professionals. The residency project of Mr Chen is sponsored by HKETO.

For details, please visit the official website of the Little Pear Garden Dance Company: <https://littlepeargarden.com/>

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

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The roving exhibition entitled “Hong Kong: Asia’s World City”, which was first launched in May by HKETO, will continue to be staged in different cities across Canada this year. The exhibition showcases Hong Kong’s achievements and beauty in various areas, providing an opportunity for the Canadian public to learn more about Hong Kong.

The fourth stop of the exhibition will be held at the Aberdeen Centre of Richmond from July 24 to 30, and an opening ceremony would be held on July 24.

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

July 30 to August 3	Oakville Town Centre
August 8 to 14	Erin Mills Town Centre in Mississauga
August 20 to 26	Cadillac Fairview Mall in Toronto
August 27 to 31	Toronto City Hall
September 4 to 10	City Centre Library in Surrey
September 11 to 17	Vaughan City Hall
October 8 to 14	Metropolis at Metrotown in Burnaby
Early October	McMaster University in Hamilton

### **22nd Fantasia International Film Festival**

The 22nd Fantasia International Film Festival will be held from July 12 to August 2, 2018 in Montreal. HKETO supports the screening of seven Hong Kong films, including *Big Brother*, *Detective Dee: The Four Heavenly Kings*, *Five Finger of Death* (a.k.a. *King Boxer*), *The Blonde Fury*, *The Brink*, *The Oily Maniac* and *The Unity of Heroes* at the Festival. Among these films, *Big Brother* will have its world premiere at the Festival and its Director Mr Kam Ka-wai will attend the screening and a Q&A session after the screening to interact with the audience.

Tickets are on sale now and the full programme of the Festival can be found at – <https://fantasiafestival.com/en/>

### **2018 Calgary Dragon Boat Race and Festival**

HKETO will sponsor the 2018 Calgary Dragon Boat Race & Festival organised by the Calgary Dragon Boat Society at North Glenmore Park in Calgary on August 11 and 12, 2018. 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.

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For more information, please visit the official website at:  
<https://www.calgarydragonboatsociety.com/>

### HONG KONG NEWS

#### **Total number of local companies in Hong Kong surpasses 1.4 million**

The total number of local companies registered under the Companies Ordinance in Hong Kong reached 1,407,743 at the end of June this year, up 23,797 on the figure at the end of 2017, according to the statistics released by the Companies Registry on July 8.

A total of 85,449 local companies were newly registered during the first half of 2018, among which 30,447 were incorporated online via the one-stop electronic company incorporation and business registration service at the e-Registry.

With effect from March 1, all companies incorporated in Hong Kong, except listed companies, are required to maintain up-to-date beneficial ownership information by way of keeping a Significant Controllers Register. The Register should be open for inspection by law enforcement officers upon demand.

Regarding non-Hong Kong companies that have established a place of business in Hong Kong, 592 companies were newly registered under the Companies Ordinance in the first half of 2018, compared to 566 in the second half of 2017. The total number of registered non-Hong Kong companies reached 10,755 by the end of June 2018.

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

#### **London-based fintech company brings innovative international money transfer platform to Hong Kong**

Leading London-based fintech company TransferWise announced on July 6 the official launch of its international money transfer platform in Hong Kong, giving it a major foothold in Asia as part of the company's ongoing international expansion.

TransferWise operates on the concept of matching up transfers with other people on

the digital platform. It uses the mid-market rate, which is only a fraction of the rates used by traditional currency transfer operators. After a successful pilot period, TransferWise said it had already been able to drop prices for customers transferring money from Hong Kong by more than 20 per cent.

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

### **Asian Aviation Meteorological Centre commences operation**

The Asian Aviation Meteorological Centre (AAMC), jointly established by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO), the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and the China Meteorological Administration (CMA), commenced operation on July 11. The AAMC aims at providing meteorological organisations in the region and the aviation sector with quality en-route weather information, so as to meet industry needs and improve aviation safety and efficiency.

The AAMC will support meteorological organisations in the region in better serving the aviation sector and coping with increasing flight traffic. In 2004, the three agencies established the Asian Aviation Meteorological Service Website, which is the predecessor of the AAMC. Since then, the website has been fully upgraded. The three agencies have also been working closely with meteorological organisations in the region to co-ordinate Significant Weather Information (SIGMET) with a view to improving the level of aviation meteorological services in the region.

The AAMC comprises a main centre operated by the CAAC, a technical support centre operated by CMA, both in Beijing, and a backup centre operated by the HKO in Hong Kong. The HKO's backup centre will specialise in nowcasts and high-resolution numerical weather forecasts, and related verification, as well as objective assessment and verification of forecasts by the main and technical support centres. The backup centre will also support the daily operation of the main centre.

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

### **Article of "From Harbour to Peak" by the New York Times**

On July 10, the New York Times' website launched an advertorial which said Hong Kong bustles with opportunity at every altitude.

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The article takes readers on an interactive journey starting with the harbourfront, then moving to Cyberport (startups), Mid-levels (US entrepreneur), Tai Kwun, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, International Finance Centre and International Commerce Centre, and ending with a lifestyle piece (businessman-hiking enthusiast).

[Please click here to view the article.](#)

### **Article of “Hong Kong: Asia’s dispute resolution hub” by the American Lawyer**

The American Lawyer, a monthly New York-based law magazine, published online an article on Hong Kong’s legal strengths on July 11.

[Please click here to view the article.](#)

### **The Basic Law Promotion Competition**

The Basic Law Promotion Competition launched by the Working Group on Overseas Community under the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee is being held from June 15 to July 31, 2018 (HK time). The competition is targeted at audience all over the world.

For details of the competition, please browse the event website below:

<http://www.basiclawpromotion.hk/index.html>

Moreover, corresponding accounts about the competition have been opened on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter:

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Hong-Kong-Basic-Law-Promotion-Competition-138029273410285/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/basiclawpromotionhk/>

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