

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### "Hong Kong: Asia's World City" Roving Exhibition

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) continues to stage the roving exhibition called "Hong Kong: Asia's World City" in Oakville and Mississauga in the Greater Toronto Area during July and August. First launched in May, the exhibition aims to showcase to members of the Canadian public 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.

During the staging of the exhibition at Oakville Town Centre from July 30 to August 3, Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, took the opportunity to meet with the Mayor of the Town of Oakville, Mr Rob Burton, and updated him on Hong Kong's latest developments. After Oakville, the roving exhibition was staged at the Erin Mills Town Centre in Mississauga from August 8 to 14. Miss Chan took the chance to call on the Mayor of the City of Mississauga, Ms Bonnie Crombie, to exchange views on how to foster closer trade and economic relations between Hong Kong and Mississauga.

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

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

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### Lunch workshop on "Update on Think Asia, Think Hong Kong!"

Hong Kong-Canada Business Association Greater Toronto Area Section organised a lunch workshop called "Update on Think Asia, Think Hong Kong!" on August 15 to update participants on the latest developments of Hong Kong and provide information about the upcoming mission organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council to the 19<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Forum. HKETO is a sponsor of the workshop.

More details about the event can be found here -

<https://hkcba-gta.silkstart.com/events/lunch-and-learn-series-update-on-think-asia-think-hong-kong>

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### 17th Calgary Chinatown Street Festival

HKETO sponsors the 17th Calgary Chinatown Street Festival to be organised by Calgary Chinatown District Business Improvement Area at the Calgary Chinatown (between 3rd Avenue SE and 1st Street SE) on August 18. The Festival aims to enhance connection between the Calgary Chinese and mainstream communities and to preserve and promote the cultural history of Chinatown. The whole day festival will be a combination of multi-cultural performances, Chinese and other Asian food tents, cultural art and entertainment booths as well as family fun activities.

For more information, please visit the official website at:

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

#### Seminars on Hong Kong

HKETO will sponsor the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto to host two Hong Kong-themed seminars in September. The first one on "Mix the Spurious with the Genuine: An Introduction to Xiqu (Chinese Opera) Performance" will be held on September 12. The seminar is part of the programme under the Hong Kong Cultural Expo organised by the Starlight Chinese Opera Performing Arts Centre.

Dr Chan Chak-lui, Lecturer at the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, will be the keynote speaker. She will present the performance technique in Cantonese opera of "mixing the spurious with the genuine" through demonstrations and interactive activities. Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, will give welcoming remarks before the seminar.

For details of the seminar, please click the following link:

<https://hongkong.library.utoronto.ca/event/mix-spurious-genuine-introduction-xiqu-chinese-opera-performance>

Another seminar to illustrate the economic developments of Hong Kong since 1960s, "The Making of Hong Kong since the 1960s", will be held on September 25.

The seminar will be composed of two parts, namely "Hops, Skips, and Jumps: Hong Kong Becoming a World Hub" and "Hong Kong's Miraculous Growth Path: Coincidence, Nutured or Cultivated?". Dr Andrew Parkin will present in the first part a personal and poetic picture of Hong Kong in the 1960s and 1990s, while Dr Kui-wai Li will identify and highlight the key economic growth features in each decade in the second part. Deputy Director of HKETO, Miss Florence Tsang, will give welcoming remarks before the seminar.

For details of the seminar, please click the following link:

<https://hongkong.library.utoronto.ca/event/making-hong-kong-1960s>

## HONG KONG NEWS

### **FS visited two cities of Guangdong-HK-Macao Bay Area**

The Financial Secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government, Mr Paul Chan, visited two cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, namely Shenzhen and Dongguan, between August 7 and 9.

During his visit to Shenzhen on August 7 and 8, Mr Chan called on senior officials of the Shenzhen Municipal Government, visited local innovation and technology companies, met with Hong Kong youths there and attended a dinner hosted by representatives of the Hong Kong business sector in Shenzhen.

On August 9, Mr Chan visited Dongguan to meet with senior officials and keep himself abreast of the latest developments in the high-tech industry in the city. During his stay, he visited Songshan Lake Xbot Park to learn about its work in entrepreneurial incubation in robotics and related fields as well as nurturing relevant talents. He also called on the Secretary of the CPC Dongguan Municipal Committee, Mr Liang Weidong, and the Mayor of the Dongguan Municipal Government, Mr Xiao Yafei, and had lunch with them. Mr Chan expressed the hope that Hong Kong and Dongguan can further collaborate in commercialisation of results of scientific and technological research, and join hands to promote the development of the Bay Area.

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### **Director-General of Investment Promotion visits ASEAN to promote Hong Kong's role in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area**

The Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Stephen Phillips, embarked on visits to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and Bangkok, Thailand, on August 13 to promote the business opportunities Hong Kong has to offer in the context of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development to Association of Southeast Asian Nations investors.

In Ho Chi Minh City, Mr Phillips participated in a roundtable discussion on business opportunities in Hong Kong relating to the Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative. This roundtable event was jointly organised by Invest Hong Kong and the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and supported by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Singapore. The session highlighted to a group of targeted Vietnamese companies the latest economic trends and developments in Hong Kong and the ease of setting up a business in the city. It also shed light on cross-boundary initiatives that Hong Kong has undertaken to propel its economy and create greater opportunities for businesses.

In Bangkok, Mr Phillips met leaders in the real estate, retail and textiles sectors, as well as restaurant operators and service providers. He also talked to major local media on the benefits of entering the Hong Kong market for Thai businesses and promoted the upcoming StartmeupHK Festival and other trade exhibitions in Hong Kong.

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### **Mid-year population for 2018**

According to the statistics released by the Census and Statistics Department on August 14, the provisional estimate of the Hong Kong population was 7 448 900 at mid-2018, representing an increase of 57 200 or 0.8% from 7 391 700 at mid-2017.

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