

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Hong Kong Cantonese opera talents perform in Canada

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) supported the Hong Kong Cultural Expo 2018 organised by the Starlight Chinese Opera Performing Arts Centre (Starlight) in Toronto in September.

The Expo comprised a seminar entitled “Mix the Spurious with the Genuine: An Introduction to Xiqu (Chinese Opera) Performance” on September 12 co-organised with the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto; as well as Cantonese opera performances on September 14 and 15 at the Flato Markham Theatre.

Speaking at the press conference on September 12 and performance on September 14, Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government is committed to developing Hong Kong into an international arts and cultural hub. The Opera Centre in the West Kowloon Cultural District in Hong Kong will open its doors later this year. It will be an ideal nurturing ground and performing venue not only for Cantonese opera, but also for other genres of traditional Chinese opera.

HKETO is a major sponsor of the Cultural Expo, which aims to showcase young Cantonese opera talents from Hong Kong, including graduates of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, to Canadian audience and enhance cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Canada.

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HKETO Director attends HKBUAAO’s Anniversary Dinner

Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, attended the 30th Anniversary Dinner organised by the Hong Kong Baptist University Alumni Association of Ontario (HKBUAAO) on September 16 in Toronto. The President and Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong Baptist University, Professor Roland Chin, also attended the event.

Speaking at the event, Miss Chan updated the participants on the latest economic development of Hong Kong and the abundant opportunities in the city for young people to develop their careers. She encouraged participants to experience the two amazing road and railway projects on their next visit to Hong Kong, namely the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong high speed rail link which was opened on September 23, and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, which will be commissioned later this year.

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Hong Kong - an excellent place for career development or further studies

HKETO hosted information sessions at the York University and the University of Toronto on September 19 and 24 respectively to encourage students to develop their careers or further their studies in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the sessions, Deputy Director of HKETO, Miss Florence Tsang, first gave an overview of the business and living environment of Hong Kong. She also outlined the various scholarship schemes and admission schemes administered by the HKSAR Government to attract overseas talents to further their studies or develop their career in Hong Kong.

Miss Tsang also briefed the students that the HKSAR Government is recruiting for different civil service posts. For the convenience of those studying or residing outside Hong Kong, the Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law Test required for these posts would be held in seven overseas cities including Toronto and Vancouver on December 8, 2018. The deadline of application for these posts is October 5, 2018 (5pm Hong Kong time).

HKETO will continue to host information sessions and information booths at different universities in Western Canada in late September to early October. Details are as follows:

September 26, 10am - 4pm	University of Alberta – information booth
September 26, 1pm - 2pm	University of Calgary – information session
September 27, 11:30am – 12:30pm	University of Alberta – information session
September 27, 10am - 3pm	Simon Fraser University (Burnaby Campus) information booth

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September 28, 11am - 4pm	University of British Columbia – information booth
October 2, 12nn - 1pm	University of British Columbia – information session
October 2, 5:30-6:30pm	Simon Fraser University (Harbour Centre Campus) – information session
October 2, 10:30am - 3:30pm	University of Calgary – information booth
October 3, 10am - 3pm	University of Victoria – information booth

For more details about the CRE and BLT, please visit:

www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html

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Seminar of “The Making of Hong Kong since the 1960s”

HKETO sponsored the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library of the University of Toronto to host a seminar titled “The Making of Hong Kong since the 1960s” on September 25 to illustrate the economic developments of Hong Kong since 1960s.

The seminar was composed of two parts, namely “Hops, Skips, and Jumps: Hong Kong Becoming a World Hub” and “Hong Kong’s Miraculous Growth Path: Coincidence, Nurtured or Cultivated?”. Dr Andrew Parkin, Professor Emeritus of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Dr Li Kui-wai, former Visiting Professor of the University of Toronto and former Associate Professor of the Department of Economics and Finance cum Director of the APEC Study Center of the City University of Hong Kong, were the speakers of the seminar.

At the opening of the seminar, Deputy Director of HKETO, Miss Florence Tsang, updated the audience on the latest economic situation in Hong Kong. She highlighted that Hong Kong would benefit from the tremendous business opportunities brought about by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area in the coming years.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

HKETO will continue to stage the roving exhibition called “Hong Kong: Asia’s World City” at the McMaster University in Hamilton from October 4 to 5, and Metropolis at Metrotown in Burnaby from October 8 to 14. 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.

Table Tennis Tournament by Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni Ontario

Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni Ontario will host a Table Tennis Tournament on October 14 at the Canadian Chinese Table Tennis Association in Markham. HKETO sponsors the “Hong Kong Cup” award of the tournament and Deputy Director of HKETO, Miss Florence Tsang, will present the Hong Kong Cup to the winning team at the Gala Dinner to be held in the evening after the Tournament.

For more information, please visit the official website of the organiser:

<http://www.alumni.hku.hk/hkuaaont/2018hkjuao/>

Hong Kong-Canada Business Association to organise Canadian delegation to Hong Kong

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association is organising a Canadian delegation to Hong Kong from December 3 to 5, 2018. A major highlight of the programme is the 19th Annual Hong Kong Forum, which provides a platform for delegates from around the world to exchange ideas, connect with market players and engage in the exchange on the latest information on China. There will also be networking opportunities with businesses and professionals from the other 41 member Hong Kong business associations in 30 countries and regions of the Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide.

For more information, please click [here](#).

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Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link opens

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government, Mrs Carrie Lam, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr Ma Xingrui, jointly hosted the opening ceremony for the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) on September 22.

Mrs Lam addressed the audience at the opening ceremony and said that upon commissioning, the Hong Kong Section of the XRL would link up the three rapidly-developing leading cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, namely Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Hong Kong. In addition to enhancing the high speed passenger transport network in the Bay Area and promoting the economic, social and cultural exchanges in the area, it would also link Hong Kong with the Capital Economic Circle and Yangtze River Delta Region through the Beijing-Guangzhou Passenger Line and the Hangzhou-Fuzhou-Shenzhen Passenger Line, thereby strengthening the synergy effect among the regions and creating more development opportunities.

The construction of the Hong Kong Section of the XRL commenced in 2010. It has a total length of 26 kilometres and connects with the Mainland Section of the XRL as well as the 25 000 km-long national high speed rail network. Its service commenced on September 23.

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

More photos and videos about the XRL could be found at the following social media platforms:

Facebook posts and videos:

First Look at High-speed Rail Experience :

<https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd/videos/221251212081771/>

High Speed Rail - Travel in Comfort

<https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd/videos/2202811946661004/>

Fast Train to Mainland

https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd/posts/1312186898916554?_tn=-R

Express Rail Link Enters a New Era

<https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd/posts/1314696831998894>

All Aboard! Cross-boundary High Speed Rail Starts Rolling

<https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd/videos/741873622814637/>

Videos on YouTube:

First look at high-speed rail experience (2018)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDTEL4HmP9g>

High speed rail - travel in comfort (2018)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgIeBGLY8nM>

All Aboard! Cross-boundary High Speed Rail Starts Rolling (2018)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4szpUSGkvFw>

SCED to visit United States and Canada

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR Government, Mr Edward Yau, commenced the duty visits to Washington, DC, in the United States (US) and Ottawa and Montreal in Canada from September 23 to 29 to consolidate and strengthen economic ties between Hong Kong and the two countries.

On September 24, Mr Yau met with think tank members, officials and business leaders in Washington, DC, to exchange views on Hong Kong-US economic relations and regional and global economic and trade issues as well as to promote Hong Kong's strengths in doing business and update them on Hong Kong's latest economic developments. He also paid a courtesy call on the Minister of the Chinese Embassy in the US, Mr Li Kexin, to understand the latest situation of China-US relations.

On September 25, Mr Yau officiated at a gala reception and dinner hosted by Cathay Pacific Airways Limited to mark its inaugural direct flight between Hong Kong and Washington, DC. He also witnessed the signing of the Statement of Intent on Smart Technology Collaboration by the US Department of Commerce and the Hong Kong Productivity Council.

On September 26, he will deliver a keynote speech at a seminar entitled "The United States, Hong Kong & China: Innovation Economies in the 21st Century" and address a business luncheon.

Mr Yau will then proceed to Canada in the evening on September 26. On the following day in Ottawa, he will call on senior government officials and Canadian Parliament members to discuss issues relating to trade and economic co-operation between Hong Kong and Canada. He will also meet with key members of the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association Ottawa. In Montreal, he will meet with senior government officials responsible for trade matters.

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SCS' North America visit on civil service training and management

The Secretary for the Civil Service of the HKSAR Government, Mr Joshua Law, had a four-day visit to North America from September 11 to 14, visiting renowned institutes to learn more about their public administration programmes and exchanging views with government officials on the management and training of the civil service.

During the first leg of his visit in Boston, the US on September 11, Mr Law visited the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University to gain a better understanding of the School's training for civil servants as well as its public administration and policy programmes. He also called on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to learn more about its experience in promoting innovation and the use of technology.

On September 12, Mr Law visited the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York, which runs executive courses for civil servants from all over the world. He also met with government officials of the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services to exchange views on the management and training of the civil service.

On September 13 and 14, Mr Law continued his visit programme in Ottawa, Canada. He visited the Centre on Public Management and Policy, University of Ottawa to find out about their training courses for public officers. He also visited the Canada School of Public Service to learn more about the School's operation and training courses provided to the federal civil service. In addition, Mr Law called on the Clerk of the Privy Council of Canada to exchange views on matters concerning the recruitment and management of the civil service.

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Cross-border Hong Kong FinTech Week puts focus on Bay Area

Invest Hong Kong announced on September 12 details of the third annual Hong Kong FinTech Week, which this year will straddle Hong Kong and Shenzhen to be the world's first cross-border financial technology (Fintech) event, one that spotlights the hottest industry developments and the huge potential of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Hong Kong FinTech Week will run from October 29 to November 1 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, before moving to Shenzhen on November 2. Regulators, investors, academics and more than 200 founders from the world's top Fintech companies will be among the 8,000 attendees set to gather in the two neighbouring cities.

To follow the latest programmes and speakers of FinTech Week, please visit fintechweek.hk, or follow on Twitter (@HongKongFintech and #HKFintechWeek) and LinkedIn.

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

Mainland Chinese companies establish presence in Hong Kong

Beijing-based LaoPu Gold announced on September 13 that its first Hong Kong store has recently opened, leveraging the city's international status to take its brand and the art of Chinese gold craftsmanship to the global stage.

Established in 2009, LaoPu Gold is a Chinese handcrafted gold jewellery brand that has inherited the filigree and inlay techniques, which are officially classified as part of the intangible cultural heritage of China and were originally used by the imperial courts for making jewellery and ornaments.

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

In addition, Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (Lianhe Global), which is wholly-owned by Lianhe Credit Information Service Co Ltd (LHCIS), announced on September 13 that it has now started full operation in Hong Kong to tap into the city's vibrant financial scene

and take advantage of the opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development.

Lianhe Global strives to provide independent, objective and fair credit rating services to investors and issuers around the globe. It currently focuses on international ratings for Chinese bond issuers, including property developers, industrials, financial institutions, local government financing vehicles and structured finance.

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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 above two posts are accepted all year round. Eligibility requirements are set out in the attached recruitment notices of the Department of Health. Enquiries can be made to the Department of Health at appts_registry1@dh.gov.hk and 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)).

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