

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Director of HKETO attends the 2018 Inauguration Gala of TCBA and the Phoenix Ball

Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Miss Kathy Chan, attended the 2018 Inauguration Gala of the Toronto Chinese Business Association on October 13 and the Phoenix Ball organised by the Mississauga Board of Chinese Professionals and Businesses on October 14.

Speaking at the galas, Miss Chan updated the participants on the latest developments of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area (Greater Bay Area). Given the importance of the Greater Bay Area, Miss Chan said the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mrs. Carrie Lam, recently announced in her 2018 Policy Address that a high-level Steering Committee for the Development of the Greater Bay Area will be established within the government, with her as the chairperson and its membership comprising all Directors of Bureau. The Steering Committee will be responsible for the overall co-ordination of matters relating to the HKSAR's participation in the development of the Greater Bay Area.

Miss Chan also highlighted that Hong Kong's connectivity with Mainland China, especially other cities in the Greater Bay Area, would be greatly enhanced by two new mega infrastructure projects, namely the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival

The Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival (Reel Asian), in partnership with HKETO, is proud to present two Hong Kong films, namely "House of the Rising Sons" and "Tomorrow is Another Day", at this year's Festival at the TIFF Bell Lightbox on November 10 and 11 respectively. The films will be having their premieres in Canada at the Festival.

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Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, will speak before the screening of “Tomorrow is Another Day” with the leading actor of the film, Mr Ling Man-lung. Deputy Director of HKETO, Miss Florence Tsang, will speak before the screening of “House of the Rising Sons”. Tickets are on sale now and the full programme of the Festival can be found at

<http://www.reelasian.com/festival/>

Dramaonetoronto presents music production “Try to Remember”

Dramaonetoronto will stage two musical performances entitled “Try to Remember” at the City Playhouse in Vaughan on November 10. HKETO is a sponsor of the production.

“Try to Remember” is an original play written by renowned Canadian Hong Kong Director Peter Poon about the love stories of three couples from different generations in Hong Kong. The musical will also present to audience many songs that were popular in Hong Kong from the 1960s to 1980s. Tickets are on sale now. Details of the performances can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/dramaonetoronto/>

“Hong Kong: Asia’s World City” Exhibition

HKETO would stage an exhibition entitled “Hong Kong: Asia’s World City” at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto Area during the Hong Kong Week from November 10 to 16 organised by the Canada Hong Kong Alliance (Toronto) . 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.

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 of 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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CE attends opening ceremony of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge in Zhuhai

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, attended the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) at the passenger clearance building of the Zhuhai Port on October 23.

Besides, the Legislative Council Panel on Transport conducted a visit to the Hong Kong Port and the Hong Kong Link Road of the HZMB before its commissioning on 20 October to better understand the facilities as well as the cross-boundary and local transport arrangements for HZMB.

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Below are some videos and infographics about the HZMB:

Fly-By View of New Mega Bridge (2018)

<https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd/videos/2148212545445549>

Mega Bridge to Cut Commute Times (2018)

<https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd/videos/2225131497811862>

Mega Bridge to Boost Economic Development (2018)

<https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd/videos/272974273558056>

Mega Bridge A Marvel Of Engineering (2018)

<https://youtu.be/0kz7JyQfm80>

港珠澳大橋 — 讚歎不已的宏偉工程 (2018)

<https://youtu.be/IsnzOTUtMeE>

The Hong Kong– Zuhai– Macao Bridge ... All You Need to Know (2018)

https://youtu.be/MzRUz0Ye_C8

全方位認識港珠澳大橋(2018)

<https://youtu.be/LLw9ZPg6UvA>

Mega Bridge Passenger Building Designed to Make Waves (2018)

<https://youtu.be/wikLi3YEZts>

港珠澳大橋旅檢大樓 — 別出心裁的建築設計 (2018)

<https://youtu.be/4LaTbQLynzE>

CE identifies land supply, education and economic diversification as priorities in annual Policy Address

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, unveiled her 2018 Policy Address entitled "Striving Ahead, Rekindling Hope" on October 10, announcing a raft of measures to boost land supply, nurture talent and diversify the economy.

To help resolve the challenge of land supply shortage, the Chief Executive said the HKSAR Government is determined to identify and produce land and build a land reserve. The current-term Government will increase the ratio of public housing, allocate more land to public housing development, and undertake that 70 per cent of the housing units on the Government's newly developed land will be for public housing.

In addition, amidst the unstable and fluctuating international trade environment, Mrs Lam said Hong Kong must pursue the development of a diversified economy in order to enhance its capabilities in withstanding external shocks. She proposed a series of measures to advance the development of innovation and technology (I&T), as well as a series of measures to support and promote the maritime sector, the insurance industry and the film industry with the allocation of extra resources.

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The Policy Address also contains a number of new initiatives on labour and welfare, nurturing talent, and healthcare, etc. For details, please see full text of "The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address" at

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201810/10/P2018101000207.htm>

<https://www.policyaddress.gov.hk/2018/eng/index.html>

Introduction of new smart Hong Kong identity card and territory-wide identity card replacement exercise

The Immigration Department (ImmD) announced on October 18 that it will start to issue new smart Hong Kong identity cards (HKICs) next month. Starting from Monday, November 26, 2018, if a person applies for an HKIC at any one of the Registration of Persons Offices, he or she will receive a new form of smart HKICs.

ImmD further announced that the upcoming territory-wide identity card replacement exercise will start on Thursday, December 27, 2018. Holders of existing smart HKICs will be invited to attend one of the nine newly established Smart Identity Card Replacement Centres (SIDCCs) in phases, in accordance with their year of birth, to have their HKICs replaced within specified periods. No fee will be charged for new smart HKICs issued under the replacement exercise. The nine SIDCCs are all situated in convenient locations and are easily accessible by public transport. They will be open from Mondays to Saturdays (except Sundays and public holidays), from 8am to 10pm.

Hong Kong residents who are presently overseas need not rush back to Hong Kong solely for replacement of their HKICs. They can do so within 30 days after their return to Hong Kong if they have missed their turn.

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

FS attends APEC Finance Ministers' Meeting in Papua New Guinea

The Financial Secretary of HKSAR Government, Mr Paul Chan, attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) on October 17 and 18. The FMM this year focused on a range of topics, including global and regional economic and financial outlook, promoting infrastructure financing, as well as strengthening international tax co-operation and transparency.

At the FMM, Mr Chan stated that as a global financial and funding raising centre, Hong Kong plays a crucial role in infrastructure financing. The Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong provides a clear pathway for infrastructure project

companies looking to achieve a listing in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority has established the Infrastructure Financing Facilitation Office and signed an agreement with the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group, to support the financing of its projects.

At the press conference after the FMM, Mr Chan stressed that in spite of the rising trend of protectionism these days, Hong Kong is firmly committed to safeguarding free trade and the multilateral trade system.

While in Port Moresby, Mr Chan also called on the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Treasury of PNG, Mr Charles Abel.

Before returning to Hong Kong, Mr Chan attended a dinner in Brisbane, Australia with representatives of the local business sector and updated the participants on Hong Kong's economic outlook and latest developments on financial services and infrastructure, etc.

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Number of overseas and Mainland Chinese companies in HK continues to grow

The number of business operations in Hong Kong with parent companies overseas and in Mainland China climbed to 8 754 in 2018, compared to 8 225 a year ago, according to the results of a joint survey conducted by Invest Hong Kong and the Census and Statistics Department.

Results of the 2018 Annual Survey of Companies in Hong Kong with Parent Companies Located Outside Hong Kong show that the 8 754 respondent companies comprised 1 530 operating as regional headquarters, 2 425 as regional offices and 4 799 as local offices.

In terms of jobs, the number of people engaged by the overseas and Mainland Chinese companies reached 485 000, compared to 443 000 in 2017.

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Japan Salonaise Association opens bakery training school in Hong Kong

The Japan Salonaise Association officially opened its bakery training school in Hong Kong on October 13, offering hobbyists the professional skills they need to develop their careers in the Japanese bakery business in the city.

The bakery training school is located in Leighton Centre in Causeway Bay. It offers the popular icing cookie and nerikiri (Japanese traditional sweet) art training certificate courses endorsed by the Association. The Hong Kong school will also add new courses to cater to local needs.

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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)).

[Attachments - DH1 and DH2]

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