

RECENT ACTIVITY

HKETO Director attends CUHKAAO's Gala Dinner

Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Miss Kathy Chan, attended the gala dinner hosted by The Chinese University of Hong Kong Alumni Association (Ontario) (CUHKAAO) on October 26 in Toronto.

Speaking at the dinner, Miss Chan first welcomed a delegation led by Vice-Chancellor and President of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor Rocky Tuan, and joined by members of its newly established Vice-Chancellor's Global Alumni Advisory Board to hold their first meeting in Toronto.

Miss Chan updated the audience on the commissioning of two new mega infrastructure projects in Hong Kong, i.e. the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. Miss Chan invited participants to come back to Hong Kong to experience the commute convenience brought by the two new transport projects.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival

HKETO, in partnership with the Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival (Reel Asian), is proud to present the Canadian premieres of two Hong Kong films, namely "Tomorrow is Another Day" and "House of the Rising Sons", at this year's Festival at the TIFF Bell Lightbox on November 9 and 10 respectively.

Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, will attend and speak at the press conference to introduce the two Hong Kong films on November 9. The leading actor of "Tomorrow is Another Day", Mr Ling Man-lung, will be in attendance. Mr Ling will also participate in a Q&A session after the screening of his film in the evening of November 9. Deputy Director of HKETO, Miss Florence Tsang, will speak before both screenings. Tickets are on sale now and the full programme of the Festival can be found at

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

Dramaone Toronto presents music production “Try to Remember”

Dramaone Toronto 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 present to the 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 from November 10 to 16 during the Hong Kong Week 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 of the Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide in 30 countries and regions.

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

HONG KONG NEWS

Hong Kong ranked world's fourth easiest place to do business

Hong Kong is ranked fourth globally on the ease of doing business, moving up one place from being fifth last year, according to the World Bank's Doing Business 2019 Report released on October 31.

The Report compares the ease of doing business in 190 economies across 10 indicators. Among the 10 indicators, Hong Kong performs well in a number of them, including "paying taxes" (ranked first), "dealing with construction permits" (ranked first), "getting electricity" (ranked third) and "starting a business" (ranked fifth).

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CE visits Japan

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mrs Carrie Lam, visited Japan from October 29 to November 2.

On October 29, Mrs Lam met with the Governor of Tokyo, Ms Yuriko Koike, the first woman Governor of Tokyo. Mrs Lam pointed out that Tokyo and Hong Kong have a lot in common and both are important business hubs and financial centres. She hoped that exchanges and co-operation between the two places in different aspects can be strengthened. Mrs Lam then attended a dinner hosted by the Japan-Hong Kong Parliamentarian League (JHKPL) to exchange views with more than 20 members of the JHKPL on affairs concerning Hong Kong and Japan.

On October 30, Mrs Lam toured a number of innovation and technology (I&T) institutions and facilities. She also met with the Mayor of Tsukuba City, Dr Tatsuo Igarashi, and expressed the hope of strengthening collaboration with Tsukuba at the government level to provide more opportunities for joint development of enterprises in the two cities.

On October 31, Mrs Lam had a breakfast meeting with President of the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), Mr Michinari Hamaguchi, and its key members. She encouraged technology enterprises, research and development (R&D) institutions and academics from Japan to partner with their Hong Kong counterparts in research. She

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also visited the Tokyo Institute of Technology, as well as attended the opening ceremony of an exhibition on Hong Kong architecture and a special concert performed by alumni of the Asian Youth Orchestra from Hong Kong and Japan.

On November 1, Mrs Lam attended and addressed the opening of the "Think Global, Think Hong Kong" symposium organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) in Tokyo with about 1 500 participants from the political and business sectors.

After the symposium, Mrs Lam witnessed the signing of Memoranda of Understanding on trade and financial technology by the HKTDC, the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited with their Japanese counterparts.

Besides, Mrs Lam met with Chairman of the Japan Business Federation and Japanese business leaders separately to encourage Japanese businesses to explore the Mainland China and overseas markets through Hong Kong. She also attended an event on tourism in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) and a cheongsam exhibition to promote Hong Kong's tourism and design.

On November 2, Mrs Lam met with Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr Taro Kono. After the meeting, the two sides issued a joint statement expressing the aspirations of both parties to leverage on Hong Kong's role as an international trade and financial centre as well as its unique advantage of "one country, two systems" to further deepen and broaden practical co-operation. The statement also states both sides' specific views on trade, tourism, I&T and the Greater Bay Area, as well as sports and culture.

Mrs Lam also met Secretary-General of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and attended a forum to promote business opportunities in the Greater Bay Area before returning to Hong Kong.

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CE visits Shanghai

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, visited Shanghai from November 5 to 6.

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On November 5, she attended the opening ceremony of the inaugural China International Import Expo (CIIE) held at the National Exhibition and Convention Center in Shanghai. She introduced to President Xi Jinping the theme and content of the Hong Kong Exhibition Area during his visit to the China Pavilion. She also attended a banquet hosted by President Xi and his wife Peng Liyuan to welcome guests attending the CIIE in the previous evening.

The Hong Kong Exhibition Area, themed "Hong Kong In", introduced Hong Kong's strengths, major infrastructure projects, popular tourist attractions, and I&T products and inventions. Other themes featured included Hong Kong's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative and the Greater Bay Area development, its contributions to the reform and opening up of the country, and the implementation of "one country, two systems" and the Basic Law.

Mrs Lam also delivered a keynote speech at a parallel forum themed "Trade and Innovation" under the Hongqiao International Economic and Trade Forum on the same day.

On November 6, Mrs Lam attended and addressed the launch ceremony of the Shanghai Hong Kong University Alliance (SHUA) at Fudan University in Shanghai. She witnessed the establishment of the alliance by 16 higher education institutions from Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Later, Mrs Lam attended an exchange session with students from the two places and introduced to them the vision and actions of the HKSAR Government, including making good use of Hong Kong's advantages under "one country, two systems" and the city's traditional strengths to boost its external relations, consolidate the traditional industries, develop the emerging industries and enhance the people's quality of life.

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The People's Bank of China will issue Renminbi Bills in Hong Kong

The People's Bank of China announced on October 31 that it will issue Renminbi (RMB) bills totalling RMB20 billion in Hong Kong in the week of November 5, through the Central Moneymarkets Unit of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, of which RMB10 billion will be issued in a three-month tenor and the remaining RMB10 billion in a one-year tenor.

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The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, Mr Paul Chan, said the issuance of RMB bills in Hong Kong reinforces Hong Kong's status as the global offshore RMB business hub, promotes the internationalisation of the RMB, and is conducive to the development of the debt market in Hong Kong.

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Hong Kong Fintech Week world's first cross-border fintech event

Hong Kong Fintech Week came to an end on November 2 in Shenzhen. The five-day event was packed with important announcements, presentations and panel sessions covering all key aspects of financial technology (fintech), and involved experts from around the globe and some of the world's biggest fintech companies. It all combined to set Hong Kong apart as a fintech leader in Asia.

Presented by Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK), Fintech Week drew more than 8,000 attendees from over 50 economies, more than 260 world-class speakers, 100 exhibitors, 60 start-ups and 1,000-plus business matching meetings. The Week was truly global, featuring international pavilions hosted by Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel and the UK, and with trade delegations from Japan, Mainland China, Singapore, Korea, Spain, Switzerland and the US. The energy and the exchanges during the Week were unparalleled.

In this third year, Fintech Week was the world's first cross-border fintech event, with events held in Shenzhen. It showcased Hong Kong in the context of the many opportunities that exist in the Greater Bay Area.

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Article of "Going the Distance" by CNBC

The international TV news network, CNBC, has launched an online content hub to promote Hong Kong. The first article entitled "Going the Distance" introduces various infrastructure projects in Hong Kong. Please click [here](#) to view the article.

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