

### HKETO JOB VACANCY

Applications are invited for the post of Administrative Assistant in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO). The suitable applicant should be a high school graduate with 3+ years' experience as an Administrative Assistant; or a post-secondary diploma / degree holder plus 1+ year of administrative experience. The applicant must be fluent in written and spoken English and Chinese (Cantonese), have good interpersonal and communication skills, and possess good general knowledge about Hong Kong and Canada. The successful applicant will be appointed on a one year contract initially. Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to [info@hketotoronto.gov.hk](mailto:info@hketotoronto.gov.hk) on or before **December 7, 2018**.

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### RECENT ACTIVITIES

#### HKETO supports Hong Kong films at Reel Asian International Film Festival

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

Speaking at the press conference on November 9, Director of HKETO, Miss Kathy Chan, introduced the vibrant film industry in Hong Kong and highlighted Hong Kong's success in film-making. She said that the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has announced in the 2018 Policy Address the injection of HK\$1 billion into the Film Development Fund, with a view to boosting the development of Hong Kong's film industry.

Deputy Director of HKETO, Miss Florence Tsang, spoke before the screenings of both films. The leading actor of "Tomorrow is Another Day", Mr Ling Man-lung, attended the press conference and participated in a Q&A session after the screening of his film on November 9.

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### **HKETO supports Hong Kong-themed musical performances "Try to Remember"**

HKETO sponsored two performances of the musical entitled "Try to Remember" staged by Dramaone Toronto at the City Playhouse in Vaughan on November 10. An artistic talk hosted by Mr Peter Poon and the leading actors of the musical production and a VIP reception were held before the closing performance.

"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 presented to the audience many songs that were popular in Hong Kong from the 1960s to 1980s, through which the Canadian audience could learn and understand more about the vibrant art and culture scene of Hong Kong in different eras.

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### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

#### **Sing for CCC**

The Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto (CCC) will host its 5th annual "Sing For CCC" concert at the P.C. Ho Theatre on December 1, 2018. HKETO is a sponsor of the concert. In particular, the Magnificent Seven, an amateur band formed in Toronto by seven doctors originally from Hong Kong, will perform at the concert. The band emphasizes on harmony in music and singing and will present various popular Hong Kong songs to the audience.

#### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **HKSAR delegation in celebration of 40th anniversary of country's reform and opening up**

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the reform and opening up of the country, the Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, led a delegation to visit Shenzhen and Beijing from November 10 to 12. The delegation comprises over 160 members who have made significant contributions to the country's reform and opening up and to Hong Kong.

While in Shenzhen, the delegation visited the Shenzhen Reform and Opening-up Exhibition Hall to learn the rise of Shenzhen and the development of its surrounding areas as well as the history, achievements and experiences of Guangdong's reform and opening up. The delegation also met with officials of the Shenzhen Municipal Government, and visited the Qianhai Exhibition Hall to understand Qianhai's past development and future.

While in Beijing, the delegation attended a seminar co-organised by the National Development and Reform Commission and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council on the participation of Hong Kong and Macao in the reform and opening up of the country in the past 40 years.

Addressing the seminar, Mrs Lam pointed out that with the further reform and opening up of the country, Hong Kong has equipped itself in a few aspects to integrate into the overall development of the nation, including maintaining the city's advantage of "One Country, Two Systems", consolidating and enhancing the traditional industries that enjoy advantages, forging ahead innovation and technology, seizing the opportunities brought about by the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and giving full play to Hong Kong's status as the freest economy in the world to contribute to the country's promotion of free trade and investment.

At the end of the visit, Mrs Lam and the delegation were received by President Xi Jinping and the Vice Premier of the State Council, Mr Han Zheng, at the Great Hall of the People.

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### **CE and SCED attend APEC meetings in Papua New Guinea**

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2018 Economic Leaders' Meeting and other related meetings in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from November 15 to 19. The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, accompanied the Chief Executive and took part in some of the meetings. The theme of this year's APEC meeting is "Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future".

Mrs Lam attended the APEC CEO Summit and spoke at a discussion session on the workforce of the future. She also took part in the APEC Business Advisory Council Dialogue with Leaders in which members exchanged views on the multilateral trading system, inclusive economic growth, digital and innovation development and the future work of the APEC.

In addition, Mrs Lam attended the APEC Leaders' Dialogue with Pacific Island Leaders to learn how member economies of the APEC and the Pacific island countries can work together to meet the challenges posed by climate change in the island nations.

During her visit, Mrs Lam conducted bilateral meetings with various leaders including the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Prime Minister of Vietnam and the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.

On the other hand, Mr Edward Yau, attended the 30th APEC Ministerial Meeting and exchanged views with ministers of the other 20 member economies on the state of the regional and global economies, efforts to deepen regional economic integration, and how to promote sustainable, innovative and inclusive growth through structural reform.

Mr Yau spoke at the plenary session on "Improving Connectivity, Deepening Regional Economic Integration" and remarked that Hong Kong, China supports efforts in

achieving the Bogor Goals and deeper economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region. Hong Kong is committed to pursuing Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with the trading partners, and to pursuing the long-term vision of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific as a concrete step towards greater regional economic integration.

On the sidelines of the Ministerial Meeting, Mr Yau discussed with the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment of Australia, Mr Simon Birmingham the FTA and the Investment Agreement between Hong Kong and Australia. They signed a Declaration of Intent to signify the successful conclusion of the negotiations. The two agreements provide Hong Kong with legal certainty and better access to the Australian market for trade and investment, whilst also creating business opportunities. Hong Kong and Australia expect to sign the FTA and the Investment Agreement in the first half of the coming year.

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### **Hong Kong Customs reminds members of the public that illicit import of cannabis is criminal offence**

The Customs and Excise Department of the HKSAR Government reminds members of the public that illicit import of cannabis is a criminal offence. Noting that the recreational use of cannabis has recently been legalised in individual overseas jurisdictions including Canada, the department reminds members of the public that cannabis is a dangerous controlled drug in Hong Kong.

Under Cap. 134, trafficking in dangerous drugs, or illicitly importing of cannabis or any products that contains controlled cannabinoids (such as tetrahydro-cannabinol, or "THC") to and exporting from Hong Kong, procuring, supplying, manufacturing, or dealing in or with dangerous drugs, constitutes a criminal offence. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment and a fine of \$5 million. Illicitly possessing, or smoking, inhaling, ingesting or injecting dangerous drugs is subject to a maximum penalty of imprisonment for seven years and a fine of \$1 million.

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### **HKSAR Government and Chinese Academy of Sciences sign MoU on establishing affiliated institution in Hong Kong**

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, and the President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Professor Bai Chunli, on November 8 signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Establishing Affiliated Institution by the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Hong Kong (MoU). The MoU confirms that the CAS will establish an affiliated institution in Hong Kong with a view to facilitating its Guangzhou Institutes of Biomedicine and Health and Institute of Automation to respectively establish their presence in the research clusters on healthcare technologies and on artificial intelligence and robotics technologies to be set up by the HKSAR Government at the Hong Kong Science Park.

At the ceremony, Mrs Lam also announced the setting up of the Joint Laboratory Funding Scheme by the University Grants Committee with the provision of one-off grants up to \$30 million for the academic year 2018/19 as a research subsidy to joint laboratories approved by the CAS.

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### **Liechtenstein-based Bendura Bank AG opens representative office in Hong Kong**

Liechtenstein-based Bendura Bank AG announced on November 9 that it has opened its Hong Kong representative office, which is also its first office in the Asia-Pacific region, as part of the group's continuous global expansion leveraging the city's distinct edge in international finance.

Bendura Bank is the fourth largest bank in Liechtenstein by after-tax profit. The opening of its Hong Kong office is to facilitate business development and to work more closely with partners both in Hong Kong and the surrounding region.

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### **Italy's Rene Caovilla adds sparkle to Hong Kong's retail sector with new flagship store**

Rene Caovilla, which makes Italian handcrafted shoes, opened a flagship store in Hong Kong on November 14, giving the heritage brand a regional base from which to continue its global growth. The new store, located at Harbour City in Tsim Sha Tsui, showcases a range of women's jeweled shoes, handmade and shipped from Venice, Italy. Founded in 1934, Rene Caovilla has 15 boutiques in the world's leading cities with more than 80 points of sale worldwide.

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

### **Belt and Road videos launched**

The Hong Kong Trade Development Council has launched three Belt and Road-related videos on arts and culture. The videos could be visited at the following links:

1) Belt and Road Cultural Centre of Opportunity - By encouraging local and international talent, the rising West Kowloon Cultural District aims to take full advantage of connections that the Belt and Road Initiative offers.

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

2) Artistic Challenges for the Belt and Road - The Belt and Road Initiative will open a new window for performing arts at Hong Kong's West Kowloon Cultural District.

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

3) FILMART 2018: Digital Realities for the Belt and Road - Hong Kong's FILMART 2018 featured developing technologies revolutionising film and TV.

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

### **Recruitment of qualified doctors outside Hong Kong**

The Department of Health in Hong Kong is recruiting qualified doctors outside Hong Kong for the position of Medical and Health Officer (Social Hygiene, Health and Family

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Health). The application period for the post is from November 9 to November 29, 2018. Eligibility requirements and application procedure are set out in the attached recruitment notice of the Department of Health.

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