

NEW HKETO DIRECTOR ASSUMES OFFICE

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto (HKETO) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) announced that Ms Emily Mo succeeded Miss Kathy Chan as the Director of HKETO with effect from December 28, 2018.

Ms Mo joined the HKSARG in 2001 as a member of the Administrative Officer Grade. She had worked in different offices, including the Home Affairs Department, the then Environment, Transport and Works Bureau, the Security Bureau, the University Grants Committee Secretariat and the Tourism Commission of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau.

Before taking up the Director post in HKETO, Ms Mo served as the Deputy Head of the Human Resources Planning and Poverty Co-ordination Unit under the Chief Secretary for Administration's Private Office.

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HKETO JOB VACANCY

Applications are invited for the post of Administrative Assistant to serve in the Vancouver Liaison Office of 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 in office administration or related subjects plus 1+ year of administrative experience. The applicant must be fluent in written and spoken English and Chinese (Cantonese), good with figures and possess good knowledge about Hong Kong and Canada. A pleasant telephone manner and general office experience, including proficiency in computer skills (database management and MS Office applications) are essential.

The successful applicant will be appointed on contract terms. Contract gratuity may be granted upon satisfactory completion of contract. Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to info@hketotoronto.gov.hk on or before **January 17, 2019**.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITY

Kung Fu Fridays: Fatal Fists and Crazy Kicks from the Shaw Brothers

HKETO, in partnership with the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), is proud to present *The Kung Fu Fridays: Fatal Fists and Crazy Kicks from the Shaw Brothers* at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in the coming new year. Ten kung fu classics produced by the Shaw Brothers Studio in Hong Kong in the 70s and 80s will be screened on Fridays from January 18 to April 12, 2019.

Tickets are on sale now and the full programme of the event can be found at <https://www.tiff.net/calendar.html?series=shaw-brothers&list>

HONG KONG NEWS

Smart Identity Card Replacement Centres commenced operation

The Immigration Department (ImmD) of the HKSARG began the first phase of the territory-wide identity card replacement exercise on December 27, 2018 until March 30, 2019, by first replacing the smart Hong Kong identity cards (HKICs) of members of the Immigration Service, police officers and labour inspectors.

During the second phase, which is from January 21 to March 30, 2019, ImmD will arrange Hong Kong residents who were born in 1985 or 1986 to replace their existing smart HKICs. Afterwards, during the third phase, which is from April 1 to June 1, 2019, Hong Kong residents who were born in 1968 or 1969 will be arranged to replace their smart HKICs. ImmD will announce the replacement exercise timetable for other age groups in due course.

Nine newly established Smart Identity Card Replacement Centres in Hong Kong have commenced operation. For details of the new smart HKICs, members of the public may visit the website www.smartid.gov.hk

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Hong Kong residents who are presently overseas need not rush back to Hong Kong

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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.

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Commencement of Hong Kong/Netherlands Working Holiday Scheme

Applications under the Hong Kong/Netherlands bilateral Working Holiday Scheme (WHS) will be accepted from January 1, 2019. The working holiday visa will allow young people from Hong Kong and the Netherlands to stay in the host economy for up to 12 months. During the period, they may work to finance their stay and/or take up short-term study courses.

Since 2001, Hong Kong has established WHS with Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Japan, Korea, France, the United Kingdom, Austria, Hungary, Sweden and the Netherlands. So far, some 88 000 Hong Kong youths have participated in these schemes.

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Recruitment of qualified doctors outside Hong Kong

The Hospital Authority (HA) in Hong Kong is now recruiting non-locally trained doctors for the positions of:

(a) Service Resident

https://erecruit.ha.org.hk/career/Default.asp?PID=3&AC=HKHA&EC=HA_Adm&GC=HA_ADM&JobID=30669&LID=1&WD5B84991091489792; and

(b) Associate Consultant under various specialties

https://erecruit.ha.org.hk/career/Default.asp?PID=3&AC=HKHA&EC=HA_Adm&GC=HA_ADM&JobID=31448&LID=1&WD5A94968813657761

Interested candidates are welcome to visit HA's website

http://www.ha.org.hk/visitor/ha_visitor_index.asp?Content_ID=2010&Lang=ENG&Dimension=100 for online application. A promotional brochure is also enclosed for reference.

The application period for the posts will close on March 31, 2019 (Hong Kong time).

[Attachment: HA 1]

ICAC launches education and publicity campaign for 2019 Rural Representative Election

The 2019 Rural Representative Election (RRE) of the HKSAR has been scheduled for January 2019. Same as other public elections, the RRE is regulated by the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (ECICO). The ECICO, enforced by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), aims to uphold clean and fair elections as well as prevent corrupt and illegal conduct, whether the conduct is engaged in within Hong Kong or elsewhere.

To help candidates, election helpers and electors understand the legal requirements as well as to promote a clean election culture in the rural community, the ICAC has launched a comprehensive education and publicity programme for the upcoming RRE.

Electors living outside Hong Kong can find at the “Clean Rural Elections” website (www.icac.org.hk/icac/elect/2019re/en) an information booklet featuring common concerns of past rural elections, a leaflet warning against voting offences, a reminder leaflet containing important points-to-note for electors, cartoon exhibits, promotional filmlets and radio advertisements.

[Attachment: Poster of Support Clean Rural Elections]

Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers

The Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers (the Scholarship) will be offered in the 2019/20 school year. Both local and non-local students in Hong Kong, who meet the eligibility criteria, may apply. The aim of the Scholarship is to attract persons proficient in English to pursue relevant local bachelor degree programmes and/ or teacher training programmes which will qualify them to become English teachers in Hong Kong on graduation.

Application for the Scholarship (2019/20) will be open in August 2019. Students who are interested in the Scholarship have to choose a relevant study programme when applying for admission to higher education institutions in Hong Kong in the 2019/20 school year. For details of the Scholarship, please browse the Information Sheet at <http://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship>.

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