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UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar on Life Science and Healthcare Opportunities in Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade office (Toronto) (HKETO) will co-organise with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council in Canada, Invest Hong Kong in Canada (InvestHK) and Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (Ottawa Chapter) a Webinar on Life Science and Healthcare Opportunities in Hong Kong on March 20. Speakers will introduce the latest updates and opportunities of the life science and healthcare sectors in Hong Kong with success stories from Canadian companies. To register for the webinar, please visit:

<https://lnkd.in/gWKmRP-d>

2025 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala

Hosted by the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE), the annual ACCE Awards Gala will be held on April 12. The event not only provides a platform to recognize Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs who have started their business and made contribution to Canada, but also serves to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation and corporate citizenship. HKETO is the sponsor of ACCE's Best Asia Pacific Business Award, which acknowledges the accomplishments of the Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs who have developed their businesses successfully in the Asia Pacific region through Hong Kong. For details, please visit:

<https://www.acce.ca/new/2025-acce-chinese-canadian-entrepreneur-awards/>

Chinese Arts & Literary Festival by CCC

The Chinese Arts and Literary Festival, organized by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto with HKETO as one of the sponsors, will be held from April 5 to 20. The festival aims to deepen participating students' understanding of Chinese cultural heritage, promote appreciation and respect for cultural diversity. There are four categories of competitions, namely recital, painting, calligraphy and Chinese musical instruments. Registration deadline is March 25. For details, please visit:

<https://www.cccgt.org/calf/>

RECENT ACTIVITIES

HKETO Acting Director visits Montreal for business promotion and talent attraction

Acting Director of the HKETO, Mr Gavin Yeung, visited Montreal from March 12 to 14 to promote Hong Kong as an ideal destination for Canadian enterprises and talent to pursue new opportunities.

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On March 14, Mr Yeung attended the 2025 iPitch Competition hosted by the Junior Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (McGill Chapter) in Montreal. Through this annual competition supported by HKETO and InvestHK, participating students pitched their business ideas in teams to win a prize.

Speaking at the event, Mr Yeung updated the young talents on the business environment and advantages of working in Hong Kong. Noting that many Canadian financial institutions have a long presence in Hong Kong, he highlighted the strong ties between Hong Kong and Canada, and encouraged the young Canadian talents to consider Hong Kong as the destination to launch their careers.

On March 12-13, Mr Yeung toured the local business and had meetings with business representatives to explore potential collaboration opportunities with their trade counterparts in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/newsroom/hketo-acting-director-visits-montreal-for-business-promotion-and-talent-attraction.html>

HONG KONG NEWS

High marks for Hong Kong's university degree courses

Hong Kong has emerged as the world's "most improved" location for university degree courses, reflecting the determination of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government to develop the city into an international education hub with strong emphasis on nurturing talents in innovation and technology.

The 2025 QS World University Rankings by Subject rated six local degree courses among the world's top 10, up from three last year, while 68% of 231 programmes from nine Hong Kong institutions rose in the rankings.

In the field of data science and artificial intelligence (AI), five Hong Kong universities are ranked among the world's top 50, the highest number in Asia and second-highest globally.

This demonstrates the city's immense potential and competitiveness in technological innovation, providing crucial support for the city's development. The HKSAR Government has also rolled out various supportive policies and initiatives to attract talent and businesses to Hong Kong to participate in marketization and innovation.

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This year's ranking compared over 21 000 academic offerings at more than 1 700 universities across 100 countries and territories in 55 subjects.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.media-outreach.com/news/hong-kong/2025/03/14/367965/high-marks-for-hong-kongs-university-degree-courses/>

Kai Tak Sports Park Grand Opening Ceremony held

The Grand Opening Ceremony of the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) at Kai Tak Stadium was officiated by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, on March 1. The KTSP is the largest sports infrastructure project ever commissioned in Hong Kong. It will boost sports development and inject impetus into related industries such as recreation, entertainment and tourism, and also mega-event economy, thereby consolidating Hong Kong's reputation as an event capital in Asia.

The KTSP provides modern and multi-purpose sports and recreation facilities, including a 50 000-seat Kai Tak Stadium, a 10 000-seat Kai Tak Arena and a 5 000-seat Kai Tak Youth Sports Ground. There are also over 700 000 feet of retail, catering as well as leisure and entertainment facilities in the KTSP, providing a one-stop sports, leisure, catering and shopping experience for citizens and tourists, as well as the necessary hardware for driving the development of sports and the relevant industries.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202503/01/P2025030100504.htm>

InvestHK hosts inaugural Women's Health & Tech Forum to promote thriving ecosystem

InvestHK hosted the Women's Health & Tech Forum 2025 on March 4, bringing together speakers from the Government, academia, and the private sector to explore the intersection of technology and women's health.

The forum featured comprehensive sessions and media opportunities covering policy initiatives, clinical research translation, and ecosystem development, attracting key stakeholders from Hong Kong's rapidly evolving health sector.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202503/04/P2025030400229.htm>

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Conference on Climate Change and International Trade Law held in Hong Kong

The Conference on Climate Change and International Trade Law was held in hybrid format in Hong Kong on March 14. Jointly organised by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy of the Department of Justice of the HKSAR Government, the Conference discussed how the international trade law could effectively support the achievement of climate action goals set by the international community.

The Conference attracted about 600 registrations from around 70 jurisdictions in Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, Latin America, Europe and Africa. Prominent speakers from around the world joined the panel discussions. Participants from diverse backgrounds and sectors, including academics, judges, officials, legal and dispute resolution professionals, as well as other professionals and representatives from international organisations, shared their insights on a variety of topics on climate change and international trade law.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202503/14/P2025031400426.htm>

The HKSAR Government invites proposals for admission to third InnoHK research cluster

The Innovation and Technology Commission of the HKSAR Government announced on March 14 an invitation for proposals for admission to the third InnoHK research cluster, SEAM@InnoHK, focusing on sustainable development, energy, advanced manufacturing and materials. The global top echelon of universities/research institutions in the relevant fields are welcome to apply.

Following the setting up of the first two research clusters, namely Health@InnoHK, focusing on healthcare technology, and AIR@InnoHK, focusing on artificial intelligence and robotics technologies, the HKSAR Government is taking forward the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster, SEAM@InnoHK, which will enable Hong Kong to move full steam ahead towards becoming a global research collaboration hub.

The selected research centres/laboratories should conduct collaborative research that is innovative, world-class, of global relevance, and addressing real-world problems in collaboration with world-renowned non-local universities and research institutions. Collaboration between local universities/research institutions is also highly encouraged.

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The deadline for application will be August 29, 2025, at 5pm (Hong Kong time). For enquiries in relation to the application for the third InnoHK research cluster, please contact the InnoHK Secretariat at innohk@itc.gov.hk.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202503/14/P2025031400213.htm>

CMU OmniClear and HKEX sign MOU on enhancing post-trade securities infrastructure of Hong Kong's capital markets

CMU OmniClear Limited (CMU OmniClear), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Exchange Fund, and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on March 4 to deepen their collaboration in enhancing the post-trade securities infrastructure of Hong Kong's capital markets, and supporting the long-term development of the city's fixed-income and currencies ecosystem.

Based on the MOU, CMU OmniClear and HKEX will explore and pursue cooperation in areas such as realising cross-asset class efficiencies across equities and fixed income, expanding the use of Mainland bonds as collateral, enhancing Hong Kong as a bond issuance centre and developing an international central securities depository in Asia, with a view to consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre, a global risk management centre, and an offshore Renminbi business hub.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202503/04/P2025030400182.htm>

International companies establish new businesses in Hong Kong

InvestHK announced that a renowned Japanese technology service provider with a presence in Hong Kong for over 60 years, *Ricoh Hong Kong*, launched its new Ricoh InnoAI Center and Ricoh InnoAI Program in Cyberport on March 4. These initiatives aim to provide technical support to local companies as well as empower start-ups by providing them with cutting-edge AI resources and support, enhancing Hong Kong's status as an international innovation and technology hub.

In addition, *Wisdom Motor*, a leading manufacturer of zero-emission commercial vehicles, officially opened its global headquarters in Hong Kong on March 18, tapping into the growing demand for sustainable transportation solutions in the region and enhancing collaboration with local partners. The company also plans to establish a global research and development centre and intelligent manufacturing centre in Hong Kong and is committed to building a high-quality zero-emission commercial vehicle ecosystem for the

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world. Wisdom Motor has delivered Hong Kong's first battery electric double-decker bus as well as the world's first tri-axle hydrogen double-deck bus.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202503/18/P2025031800457.htm>

Mass participation events of 15th National Games announced

The 15th National Games, the highest-level and largest national multisport event in the country, will be cohosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao from November 9 to 21. The Games include 34 competition events and mass participation events. Elite athletes from different provinces, municipalities and special administrative regions will converge on the three places to compete for top honours.

Hosting eight competition events for the first time, Hong Kong will also stage the mass participation event of bowling. Members of the public will have the opportunity to personally participate in this national mega sports event by competing in the mass participation events on behalf of Hong Kong. For details, please visit:

www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ngames/2025/competitions/participation.html

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202503/13/P2025031300195.htm>

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