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UPCOMING EVENTS

Consensus 2025 in Toronto

Consensus 2025 is bringing its flagship event to Toronto from May 14 to 16. As the world's largest and most influential gathering for the cryptocurrency, blockchain, Web3 and artificial intelligence (AI) communities, Consensus unites industry leaders across all sectors to drive innovation forward. From hard-hitting conversations with visionary speakers to hands-on workshops addressing key industry challenges, the event brings together developers, investors, founders, brands and policymakers to explore breakthrough technologies and foster the collaborations that shape the future. Mr Yat Siu, Co-Founder and Chairman of Animoca Brands from Hong Kong, will be among the featured speakers. For details, please visit:

<https://consensus2025.coindesk.com/>

Chinese Arts & Literary Festival by CCC

The Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto will host the Awards Ceremony of the Chinese Arts and Literary Festival on May 31. 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. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO) is one of the sponsors. For details, please visit:

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

HONG KONG NEWS

Hong Kong hosts first 6G Global Summit in Asia-Pacific region

The two-day 6G Global Summit, held in a hybrid format for the first time in the Asia-Pacific region, concluded on May 9 in Hong Kong. Hosted by the Communications Authority with the support of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, the Summit attracted over 600 participants from more than 80 countries. Attendees included high-level representatives from policymakers, regulatory bodies, international organisations, telecommunications operators and corporations, as well as industry experts and scholars. They explored the potential of the sixth-generation (6G) mobile communications technology in shaping a better future.

In his keynote speech at the Summit, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR Government, Mr Algernon Yau, highlighted Hong Kong's highly acclaimed position in leading the development of 6G. He also shared with the

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audience Hong Kong's various achievements in telecommunications, which showcase the city's readiness to embrace the future of telecommunications.

Over the two days, the Summit also featured discussions on the key priorities shaping 6G developments, including standardisation, technological innovations, sustainability and potential applications, as well as the strategic role of the Asia-Pacific region and the opportunities presented by a more connected and intelligent global network.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/08/P2025050800333.htm>

Financial Secretary attends Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting in Milan, Italy

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, Mr Paul Chan, arrived in Milan, Italy, on May 4 to attend the 58th Annual Meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The theme of the meeting is "Sharing Experience, Building Tomorrow", focusing on development issues and challenges facing the Asia-Pacific region, such as climate change, digital transformation, and promoting mutually beneficial co-operation and inclusive economic growth.

Speaking at the Business Session and the Governors' Plenary at the ADB Annual Meeting, Mr Chan highlighted that under "one country, two systems" principle, Hong Kong maintains its status as a free port, implements free trade policies and ensures the free flow of capital, goods, people and information. He reiterated Hong Kong's steadfast support for a rules-based multilateral trading system. As an international financial centre, Hong Kong is willing to share experiences in innovative financing arrangements with ADB members, including infrastructure loan securitisation and catastrophe bonds, to support high-quality infrastructure and green projects.

Mr Chan also met with the President of the ADB, Mr Masato Kanda, and financial officials from other countries and regions attending the meeting. They exchanged views on the international economic landscape.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/05/P2025050500102.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/06/P2025050600049.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/07/P2025050700111.htm>

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Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development to attend APEC meeting in Korea

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, will attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) Meeting in Jeju, Korea from May 15 to 16.

Under the theme “Building a Sustainable Tomorrow”, Mr Yau and the trade ministers of other member economies will participate in sessions entitled “AI Innovation for Trade Facilitation”, “Connectivity through Multilateral Trading System” and “Prosperity through Sustainable Trade”. Mr Yau will also meet with other trade ministers to exchange views on issues of mutual interest on the sidelines of the MRT Meeting.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/13/P2025051300018.htm>

Businesses from Asia and the Mainland open in Hong Kong

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) announced on May 7 that Japanese second-hand fashion retailer, *2nd STREET*, opened its first outlet in Hong Kong on May 9. *2nd STREET* is part of GEO Holdings Corporation, one of Japan’s largest reuse and rental business groups, aiming to promote a sustainable consumption culture by buying and selling a wide range of pre-owned products. It has approximately 900 stores in Japan and 1 000 stores worldwide.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/07/P2025050600504.htm>

In addition, Korean entertainment business, Great Entertainment Group (GEG), created a new joint venture, *Harbour Mast Productions*, in Hong Kong on May 8, as part of the companies’ long-term expansion plans in the region. *Harbour Mast Productions* will be the official promoter of Cirque du Soleil’s legendary show KOOZA which chooses Hong Kong to kick off its relaunch in Asia. GEG is a multi-award-winning group of companies with expertise in creating and producing exceptional live entertainment events and experiences in Asia.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/08/P2025050600703.htm>

Chengdu Restaurant announced its official opening on May 9 marking the Michelin-awarded brand’s first foray beyond Mainland China. The restaurant under the Xiangtianxia Group is a Sichuan-based diversified catering and lifestyle enterprise. The

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Group operates over 600 restaurants across seven countries and 33 cities and has developed more than 30 consumer dining brands.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/09/P2025050800369.htm>

Another Hunan cuisine restaurant brand, *LAOMAUQUE*, also officially opened its first restaurant outside the Mainland in Hong Kong on May 13. *LAOMAUQUE* specialises in seafood from Hunan cuisine, with some signature dishes.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/13/P2025051200676.htm>

Import of poultry meat and products from Rural Municipality of Wallace of Manitoba Province in Canada suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the HKSAR Government announced on May 13 that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in the Rural Municipality of Wallace of Manitoba Province in Canada, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the area with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

According to the Census and Statistics Department, no poultry meat and eggs were imported into Hong Kong from Canada in the first three months of this year.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202505/13/P2025051300464.htm>

Media partnership with the Information Services Department

In partnership with the Information Services Department (ISD) of the HKSAR Government, *South China Morning Post* created a video to explore why and how Hong Kong's dynamism, inclusiveness and uniqueness has set it up to the epicentre for this and future generations' art and artists from all over the world.

Title: Meet the Next Generation of Artists and Collectors

Interviewees:

- Art Basel Senior Advisor Alia al Senussi
- Local artist Fatina Kong

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Link:

<https://www.scmp.com/native/lifestyle/arts/topics/hong-kong-city-strengths/article/3308341/success-art-march-hong-kong-reaffirms-citys-status-dynamic-international-art-hub>

In addition, in partnership with the ISD, *Gulf News* published an article highlighting Hong Kong's position as a global innovation and technology hub while exploring the collaborative potential between Hong Kong and the UAE.

Title: Hong Kong: A Global Hub for Innovation and Technology

Interviewees:

- Prof. Nancy Ip, President of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Falcon Chan, Strategy, Risk and Transactions Partner at Deloitte China
- Dr Eesa Al Bastaki, President of the University of Dubai
- Abdulaziz Al Jaziri, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer of the Dubai Future Foundation

Link:

<https://gulfnews.com/technology/hong-kong-a-global-hub-for-innovation-and-technology-1.500121418>

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