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HKETO JOB VACANCY

Principal Consultant (Western Canada)

Applications are invited for the post of Principal Consultant (Western Canada) to serve in the Vancouver Liaison Office of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO). The Principal Consultant will be responsible for promoting the Hong Kong-Canada bi-lateral trade and investment relations, as well as the cultural exchanges in Western Canada. Details can be found at <https://www.hketotoronto.gov.hk/employment.html#hketo>.

Applications should be submitted by e-mail, with a cover letter and resume, to info@hketotoronto.gov.hk on or before August 2, 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fantasia International Film Festival 2024

The Fantasia international Film Festival 2024 will run from July 18 to August 4. HKETO will co-present the screenings of six Hong Kong films at the festival, namely:

- Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In 九龍城寨·圍城
- Out of the Shadow 臥底的退隱生活
- A Legend 傳說
- Killer Constable 萬人斬
- A Chinese Ghost Story II 倩女幽魂II人間道
- The Avenging Eagle 冷血十三鷹

For details of the festival and the films, please visit: <https://fantasiafestival.com/en/festival-2024/program>

5th Mulan International Film Festival

The 4th Mulan International Film Festival will be held from August 9 to 17. The HKETO co-presents with the festival six Hong Kong films at this edition, namely:

- All Shall be Well 從今以後
- Eighteen Springs 半生緣
- The Arch 董夫人
- Elegies 詩
- Lust, Caution 色戒
- Red Rose White Rose 紅玫瑰白玫瑰

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For details of the festival and the films, please visit <https://mulanfestival.com/festival-2024/>

Calgary and Victoria Dragon Boat Festivals

Calgary Dragon Boat Race & Festival and Victoria Dragon Boat Festival will be held at North Glenmore Park of Calgary on August 9-11 and at Inner Harbour and Ship's Point of Victoria on August 9 and 10 respectively. Visitors can enjoy dragon boat races, exhibition of Hong Kong's modern dragon boat history, local live music, local food trucks and vendors, and more at the festivals. HKETO is a sponsor of both events. For details, please visit:

<https://calgarydragonboatsociety.com/>

<https://victoriadragonboatfestival.com/festival-info/>

Blockchain Futurist Conference 2024

The 6th annual Futurist Conference will take place in Toronto on August 13 and 14. Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) (Canada) will host a workshop at the Conference on Wednesday August 14, 11:00-11:30AM. Dr Rocky Tung, Director and Head of Policy Research at the Hong Kong Financial Services Development Council, will join InvestHK (Canada) to speak at the workshop.

Blockchain Futurist Conference is the largest and most high-profile blockchain & cryptocurrency event in Canada. This annual event brings together a global audience of attendees with startups, investors, developers, enterprise leaders, financial institutions, researchers, academics and emerging tech pioneers for exchanges. Admission tickets are required. Please register at: <https://www.futuristconference.com/register> (Promo code for 25% Off ticket: **INVESTHK25**)

Fête Chinoise's "Love at Mid-Autumn" Charity Campaign

Fête Chinoise's annual "Love at Mid-Autumn" charity campaign, supported by the HKETO, has returned to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival which symbolises family unity and reunion. The 2024 design of the campaign is inspired by the fascinating neon lights in Hong Kong. Please visit <https://www.fetechinoise.ca/loveatmidautumn> for more information.

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HONG KONG NEWS

InvestHK unveils Global Fast Track 2024: empowering business connectivity among fintechs, corporates and investors

InvestHK announced that the 7th edition of the Global Fast Track (GFT), 2024 is now open for applications until September 20. The programme is open to fintech companies globally and locally, offering opportunities to pitch their cases on international stages and benefit from mentorship and business matchmaking to unleash their potential. The global finalists of the GFT's pitching competition will compete in the grand finale at Hong Kong Fintech Week (HKFW).

The Global Fast Track has helped over 1,000 fintech companies from more than 50 economies to showcase their cutting-edge innovations and expedite their market entry in Hong Kong and beyond.

In addition to the finTech and artificial intelligence tracks that have been a mainstay of GFT, the 2024 edition will introduce three new verticals: ESG/Green Fintech, Blockchain, and Insurance/HealthTech. This expansion aligns with the evolving landscape and emerging trends in the financial services industry.

This year, semi-finalists of each track will be invited to Hong Kong to pitch in person on stage during HKFW, with the grand finale to take place on the second day. Previous winners have come from around the world including Canada.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/22/P2024071800447.htm>

HKMA announces stablecoin issuer sandbox participants

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announced on July 18 the list of participants of the stablecoin issuer sandbox. The following institutions will participate in the sandbox:

- JINGDONG Coinlink Technology Hong Kong Limited;
- RD InnoTech Limited; and
- Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Animoca Brands Limited, Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited.

During the assessment process, these institutions were able to demonstrate genuine interest in developing a stablecoin issuance business in Hong Kong with a reasonable business plan, and that their proposed operations under the sandbox arrangement would be conducted within a limited scope and in a risk-controllable manner.

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The sandbox launched in March 2024 is part of the HKMA's efforts in facilitating the sustainable and responsible development of stablecoin ecosystem in Hong Kong. Through the sandbox, the HKMA allows institutions with plans to issue stablecoin in Hong Kong to conduct testing on their operational plans, and also facilitates the two-way communication on the proposed regulatory requirements, with a view to formulating fit-for-purpose and risk-based regulatory regime.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/18/P2024071800196.htm>

Hong Kong winning more medals at the Paris Olympics

Hong Kong athletes won record gold medals at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Up to July 30 (Toronto time), the Hong Kong, China Delegation has so far won three medals at the Games as follows:

Gold medal --

Fencing: Women's Épée Individual event

Vivian Kong

Fencing: Men's Foil Individual event

Cheung Ka-long

Bronze medal --

Swimming: Women's 200m Freestyle

Siobhan Bernadette Haughey

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr John Lee, expressed his heartfelt congratulations to all the winners, their coaches and teams, emphasizing that their outstanding performances and brilliant results proved the extraordinary capabilities of Hong Kong athletes, making all Hong Kong people proud.

Click the following links for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/28/P2024072800042.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/30/P2024073000017.htm>

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/30/P2024073000013.htm>

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Hong Kong teams shine at European Physics Olympiad and International Mathematical Olympiad

Two teams of students representing Hong Kong achieved remarkable results at the 8th European Physics Olympiad (EuPhO 2024) and the 65th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO 2024).

The EuPhO 2024, hosted by Georgia, was held from July 15 to 19. A total of 256 students from 54 countries and regions competed for medals. The Hong Kong team won four gold medals and one silver medal.

The IMO 2024, hosted by the United Kingdom, was held from July 11 to 22, with the participation of 609 students from 108 countries and regions. The Hong Kong team won five silver medals and one bronze medal.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/23/P2024072300503.htm>

Recruitment of non-locally trained dentists

Following the passage of the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2024 by the Legislative Council, the Department of Health (DH) of the HKSAR on July 23 formally commenced the recruitment of non-locally trained dentists.

With the phased implementation of the amended provisions starting from 2025, qualified non-locally trained dentists will be allowed to practise in Hong Kong. Dentists who are interested in practising in Hong Kong and granted a conditional offer after the interview may submit a limited registration or special registration application to the Dental Council of Hong Kong, and upon approval directly practise at the DH.

The deadline of submitting application for the Contract Dentist position is 23 September 2024 at 23:59 (Hong Kong time). For more details, please visit

www.dh.gov.hk/english/main/main_ds/main_co.html

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/23/P2024072300506.htm>

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Hospital Authority welcomes passage of Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill 2023 at Legislative Council

The Hospital Authority (HA) of the HKSAR welcomed the passage of the Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill 2023 at the Legislative Council on July 17, which opens up new pathways for admitting eligible non-locally trained nurses to practise in Hong Kong.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/17/P2024071700299.htm>

Candidates interested in applying for AO, EOII, ATOII and TOII reminded to take part in Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law and National Security Law Test

The HKSAR Government announced on July 26 that the next round of recruitment exercises for the posts of Administrative Officer (AO), Executive Officer II (EOII), Assistant Trade Officer II (ATOII) and Transport Officer II (TOII) will begin in September 2024.

As part of the entry requirements, applicants for these posts will need to attain:

- (a) Level 2 in the two language papers (Use of Chinese and Use of English) in the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) or other results which are accepted as equivalent (details are set out on the Civil Service Bureau (CSB)'s website at www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html);
- (b) a Pass result in the Aptitude Test paper in the CRE; and
- (c) a Pass result in the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) (degree/professional grades).

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/26/P2024072600324.htm>

Candidates who wish to apply for the posts mentioned above but do not attain the requisite results should apply through an online application system on the CSB's website to take the relevant paper(s) of the CRE and the BLNST in order to be considered for appointment. The application deadline for the papers is 5pm on August 9, 2024 (Hong Kong time).

The pool of eligible candidates for civil service jobs requiring an undergraduate degree has been expanded to students in their third year of undergraduate studies (in a four-year curriculum). Therefore, this round of examination will be open to holders of a degree, or a professional qualification meeting the entry requirement of the posts, or undergraduate students graduating in the academic year of 2024/25 or 2025/26.

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The CRE consists of three papers, namely Use of Chinese (UC), Use of English (UE) and Aptitude Test (AT). For the convenience of those studying or residing outside Hong Kong, the CRE and BLNST (degree/professional grades) are tentatively scheduled to be held on December 7, 2024, in seven overseas cities including Toronto and Vancouver. Applications for taking the examinations outside Hong Kong will be accepted later this year.

The application details are available at www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html.

Click the following link for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202407/26/P2024072600304.htm>

South China Morning Post content partnership: Business Opportunities

In partnership with the Information Services Department of the HKSAR Government, South China Morning Post has created an infographic-led article highlighting Hong Kong's pro-business policies and its connectivity, which makes the flow of capital, materials and talent across the Greater Bay Area highly feasible.

Article: How to successfully set up a business in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area
Interviewees:

- Hayden Flinn, co-chief executive, Hong Kong, King & Wood Mallesons
- Andrew Humphreys, principal and director of healthcare, B+H Architects
- Stella Liao, design director of CHIL Interior Design, Hong Kong, for B+H Architects

Link:

<https://multimedia.scmp.com/native/infographics/article/3270236/successfully-set-up-business/>

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