



Policy Address Bolster prosperity, lure talent and fight Covid

Making his first policy address since taking office in July, Hong Kong's Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, announced plans to attract businesses and talents to the city, provide housing and improve livelihoods by better supporting the elderly and the disadvantaged, as well as creating a better living environment for all.

During his three-hour address to the Legislative Council, Mr Lee announced an innovative talent scheme to entice people to pursue their careers in Hong Kong. High-earners and graduates from the world's top 100 universities will be eligible for a two-year pass "for exploring opportunities in Hong Kong".

"Those from overseas who enter Hong Kong under talent-attraction schemes, buy a residential property and become permanent residents, will be able to apply for a Stamp Duty refund," Mr Lee said.

Health

Mr Lee also set out five strands in Hong Kong's fight against Covid. He vowed that the city will use scientific methods to identify risks, while setting out his vision for rejuvenation. Mr Lee said that his government is making its best efforts to discuss with the Mainland to strive for resuming normal cross-boundary travel in a gradual and orderly manner.

He went on to explain, "Our first target is to implement 'reverse quarantine' in Hong Kong, also known as pre-departure quarantine, where travellers quarantine in Hong Kong before going to Mainland China."

Other health measures announced included a revamped healthcare system focused on prevention, as well as expanding the role of Chinese medicine.

"Our aim is to shift the emphasis of the healthcare system from its current treatment-oriented, hospital-based structure to a prevention-focused, community-based

system," Mr Lee said, adding that additional resources would be invested to promote primary healthcare.

A Blueprint is promised within 2022 while a Primary Healthcare Authority, responsible for managing primary healthcare service across the public and private sectors, will be established.

Housing

Housing shortage has been a long-standing problem and solving it "tops the Government agenda," Mr Lee said.

The Chief Executive promised that his administration will increase overall public housing supply and limit the waiting time for public rental housing. Also announced were proposals for 30 000 public housing units with land supply boosted by amending laws to build reserves more quickly.

Financial hub

The Chief Executive also announced measures for enhancing Hong Kong's competitiveness as a global financial centre. Stock exchange operator Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing will revise the listing rules for its main board next year "to facilitate fundraising of advanced technology enterprises that have yet to meet the profit and trading record requirements," Mr Lee said.



Above: Chief Executive, John Lee, delivered his 2022 Policy Address.

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●●● Economy

Freest Economy award for 26th time!



Canada's Fraser Institute has again ranked Hong Kong as the world's freest economy, in its latest Economic Freedom of the World report.

Among 165 jurisdictions, rated in five areas of assessment, Hong Kong came out top in Freedom to Trade Internationally and "Regulation", to maintain the top

position that it has held since the launch of the ranking in 1996. Runners-up in the report are Singapore, Switzerland, New Zealand, Denmark, Australia, the United States, Estonia, Mauritius and Ireland.

In welcoming the ranking, the HKSAR Government spokesperson said that, "Hong Kong has been striving to

improve the business environment and enhance market efficiency and support, thereby allowing the economy to display flexibility and resilience, and leverage the advantages of the free market."

He added that, "Hong Kong's distinctive status and edges include the rule of law and judicial independence, free flow of capital, a free-trade and investment regime, a simple and low-tax system, a favourable business environment, and an efficient and clean government."

The Report was based on 2020 data, the last available before the global impact of the Covid pandemic could be measured. Those effects are likely to be reflected in the next edition. In spite of this, the spokesman remained upbeat, asserting every confidence in Hong Kong's long-term economic development.

"We will create strong impetus for growth, and actively integrate into the overall development of our country, dovetail with national strategies such as the National 14th Five-Year Plan, the Greater Bay Area development and high-quality Belt and Road co-operation, and seize the opportunities ahead," he said.

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He outlined the goal to attract at least a hundred high-potential innovation and technology companies to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong in the coming five years; adding that the move could bring in HK\$10 billion of investment and create job opportunities.

Tech potential

The Government also plans to strengthen the important tech sector via a four-pronged strategy. Key areas include enhancing the city's I&T ecosystem, enlarging the pool of local and non-local I&T talents, developing Hong Kong into a smart city and proactively integrating into the overall development of the country.

"I&T provides key impetus for Hong Kong's high-quality economic development," Mr Lee said as he promised to produce a development Blueprint within this year to set out major policies under four broad development directions.

Reforms

Changes at Government-level include updating the civil service code to require Government employees to have strong awareness of safeguarding national sovereignty and security.

New bodies will be formed, such as the Chief Executive's Policy Unit to gauge public opinion on Mainland policies and international trends, while the Hong Kong New Investments Corporation Limited will optimise use of fiscal reserves.



Other measures announced included a new Mega Arts and Cultural Events Fund to bring more international events to Hong Kong and foster more exchanges with Mainland China.

Transport infrastructure received a boost with news of six new railway and highway projects to tackle heavy traffic in strategic areas.

Closing his address, Mr Lee said that the next five years are important for Hong Kong to break new grounds and achieve another leap forward. "At a time when the world is undergoing unprecedented changes in a century, Hong Kong faces both opportunities and challenges, but there are more opportunities than challenges," he said.

Above: The Chief Executive delivered the 2022 Policy Address at the Legislative Council.

Government

Government and business collaborate at summit



Government and business leaders came together to explore the potential of the Belt and Road initiative through multilateral collaborations such as the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

The seventh Belt and Road Summit was jointly organised by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government and the Hong Kong Trade

Development Council. It attracted over 19 000 participants from more than 80 countries in a project-matching initiative, and is seen as a premier international platform for promoting business collaboration.

During the summit, more than 80 senior Government officials, regional Government leaders and business chiefs gathered to drive synergies as one of the major celebrations to mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

Under the theme “Heralding a New Chapter: Collaborate and Innovate”, the event was held in a hybrid format for the first time. There were in excess of 800 one-to-one matching sessions, in-person and online.

In his opening address, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr John Lee, pointed out that the Belt and Road is built on collaboration and covers a wide spectrum of connectivity. He said the initiative has brought about trade and investment co-operation, as well as infrastructure development, unleashing profound potential and opportunities.

Mr Lee said that, as a global city, an international financial and trade centre, and the business bridge between the Mainland and the rest of the world, Hong Kong is ready to partner with Belt and Road companies and economies by providing essential project financing and professional services support, innovation and

technology, capacity building, cultural awareness, wide-ranging connections and much more.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, spoke at the business plenary session “Collaborate for a Bright New Era”. He said that Hong Kong’s competitiveness as an international financial, trading and shipping centre is distinctive and unique, and elaborated on the city’s role in actively contributing to the Belt and Road Initiative in areas such as infrastructure financing, green finance, Renminbi business, risk management, and advancing environmental, social and governance initiatives in the region.

Mr Chan also said that Hong Kong is working to create strong impetus for growth and develop as an international innovation and technology hub, and there will be new policies and support measures to attract enterprises and talents.

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, joined a breakout session on international dispute resolution. He elaborated on how the fully-fledged legal and dispute resolution services in Hong Kong can provide strong support for investors and the dispute resolution sectors in navigating new opportunities along the Belt and Road.



Above: Secretary for Justice, Paul Lam (third left); the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Cheung Kwok-kwan (first right); the Panel Chair, Dr Anthony Neoh (second left); and speakers Nick Chan (first left), Dr Thomas So (third right) and Justin D’Agostino (second right) at the breakout session on International Dispute Resolution.

Above left: Chief Executive, John Lee, spoke at the Belt and Road Summit.

Economy

Forging ahead with Belt & Road initiative

The fifth conference was held to discuss advancing Hong Kong’s full participation in, and contribution to, the Belt & Road Initiative under the new-term Government administration.

The video event discussed the strategies and future work priorities in taking forward the plans. These included maintaining and leveraging Hong Kong’s unique competitive edges and premier business environment under “One Country, Two Systems”, actively dovetailing with the opportunities brought about by national development strategies such as the 14th Five-Year Plan.

Hong Kong’s Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, expressed his sincere gratitude to the central Government for its long support for the Government and community in taking part in and contributing to the initiative. He said that, “Hong Kong will proactively seize the opportunities brought by the nation’s development, with a view to making remarkable contributions to high-quality Belt & Road co-operation.”

Mr Chan added that Vice Premier Han has clearly charted the way forward for Hong Kong’s participation in the initiative. “The Government is working hard to consolidate and enhance the city’s international competitiveness, and create strong impetus for growth,” he said.



Above: Financial Secretary, Paul Chan (right), attended the fifth Joint Conference on Advancing Hong Kong’s Full Participation in and Contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative with the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Algeron Yau (left).

●●● Finance

Government assures Alternative Investment support



Key issues facing alternative investment managers, in a complex and changing world, were discussed at a recent policy forum addressed by keynote speakers including Hong Kong's Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan.

Over 600 hedge-fund managers, lawyers, accountants, prime brokers and fund administrators, investors and venture capitalists attended the hybrid event organised by Alternative Investment Management Association (AIMA). Topics included key regulatory, policy and operational focus areas anticipated for the region's managers in the coming year.

Mr Chan recognised the AIMA's vital role, "Collectively, you manage in excess of US\$2.5 trillion in hedge fund and private-credit assets. Alongside financial leadership, you bring thought leadership to every region, every business, you operate in," he acknowledged.

The Association had called on the Government to "unequivocally communicate and demonstrate that the financial services sector matters". This was something Mr Chan was quick to endorse. "Yes, the financial services sector matters," he told delegates. "It matters as deeply to me, and to the Government, as I know it does to you. Hong Kong's successful development has been driven by the city's effective legal system, competitive tax regime, balanced regulatory environment, sophisticated capital markets, deep and diverse talent pools, and close relationship with the Mainland of China, whilst also connecting with the other regional markets," he remarked.

Outlining the various ways that the sector can expect ongoing support, Mr Chan concluded by saying, "In this, and so much more, rest assured that the financial services sector enjoys the unequivocal support of the HKSAR Government."

Above: Financial Secretary, Paul Chan, addressed the Alternative Investment Management Association Asia-Pacific Annual Forum.

●●● History

Chronicling a 7 000-year history



The historic launch of the first volume of an English edition of *Hong Kong Chronicles* was marked in a special ceremony at Government House. The new title is part of a bilingual book series on Hong Kong's local history.

The ceremony, under the theme "Chronicling the Ages, Connecting with the World", was dedicated to sharing the 7 000 years of Hong Kong history, from its early days to becoming a cosmopolitan city with prestigious international status under the framework of "One Country, Two Systems".

Hong Kong's Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, was a keynote speaker as locally-based consuls, representatives of global institutions and guests toured the exhibition. Mr Lee praised former leader Mr Tung Chee-hwa for spearheading the project, remarking that the English volume is an opportunity to tell the remarkable success story of Hong Kong.

The Institute behind the book was formed just three years ago and quickly found essential support to drive the work forward. Their guiding editorial principle is to recount historical facts without interpretation, and produce a comprehensive, systematic and objective record of Hong Kong's heritage and history.

The new volume contains 360 000 words across some 800 pages and is a direct and faithful translation of the Chinese original.

Above: Chief Executive, John Lee (centre), at the historic Launch of the first volume of the English edition of *Hong Kong Chronicles*.

●●● Travel

Top Cargo Airport Award



As passenger traffic at Hong Kong International Airport continues to recover post-Covid, it has won a prestigious international award for cargo.

Figures for June showed that the growing airport handled 295 000 passengers, a 254% increase over the previous year although numbers have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels.

Passenger traffic to and from Southeast Asia saw the largest increase while cargo was down almost 10% year-on-year, to 363 000 tonnes, mainly due to global supply chain disruptions caused by the pandemic. Cargo traffic to and from key trading regions in Europe and North America saw the most significant drops.

Despite the challenges, the airport was named Airport of the Year 2022 at the prestigious World Air Cargo Awards. Industry groups from the air-freight supply chain sector, as well as logistics providers and suppliers vote to select the winners.

The airport's Commercial Director, Miss Cissy Chan, said, "We ceaselessly strive for service excellence and operational efficiency. We will continue to work closely with our partners to enhance our cargo services, connectivity and digitalisation to further reinforce our status as the world's leading air cargo hub."

●●● Business

Thriving Start-up Ecosystem Boost Given at Festival

The brightest minds behind some of the world's most exciting companies came together for the annual StartmeupHK Festival under the banner "A Future Unlimited".

Following its success last year the event returned in a hybrid format, curated by Invest Hong Kong. The 2022 Festival explored the latest topics ranging from the metaverse, gaming and health-tech, to sustainability and the opportunities offered by the Greater Bay Area (GBA) development.

The opening day saw the GBA Innovation Summit, organised by TusPark, where speakers recognised the ever-evolving nature of consumer habits. In his opening remarks, Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan encouraged start-ups to seize the opportunities of development in the GBA, which he termed "an important base for Hong Kong innovation".

Panel discussions at the 1.5°C Summit ("The Defining Decade for Impact with Tech", by Eureka Nova and New World Development) focused on the concept of creating impact through sustainability and accepting risk as an inescapable element of entrepreneurship. "There is no failure, only learning along the way," said the CEO and Co-founder of Intensel Limited, Dr Entela Benz-Saliasi. "Adapt, change

and innovate as you move forward."

Universe x Metaverse used the occasion to explore the idea of Web3 and the metaverse, and the challenges and opportunities this means for scale-ups. "If you are incredibly clear about what you're doing, and it's bold and mission-driven, people will be attracted to that," said Mr Tim Kendall, a former Chairman of Pinterest.

Morale boost

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, used the Festival to bolster startups and young entrepreneurs. Speaking at a Scaleup Impact Summit, he said, "We are witnessing numerous novel applications of artificial intelligence technology, robotics and other technologies to meet the demands of the 'new normal'."

"Another important area that has seen significant growth in Hong Kong is the metaverse and web 3.0. Today, we can see some of the exciting ways of how businesses, startups and investors are deploying this 'virtual universe' to try out new business models, and seek new ways to deepen their engagements with customers and other stakeholders."



"We are seeing major developments in e-commerce and fintech, remote learning and edtech as well as arttech, where more industries are recognising the importance of cultivating a creative economy; there are plenty of business opportunities for startups and scaleups in Hong Kong," he concluded.

Wrapping up the Festival was the Young Pioneers Forum where 500-plus teenagers from around the world shared ideas on achieving universal sustainability.

Above top: 1.5°C Summit – The Defining Decade for Impact with Tech by Eureka Nova and New World Development at the Startmeup Festival.

Above: Global youth came together to share ideas on sustainability at the Startmeup's Global Citizen Capital's Young Pioneers Forum.

●●● Law

Young legal brains gather in London

Hong Kong law students studying in the UK came together for lunch with the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong. Mr C.M. Chan hosted the event which was supported by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (London ETO).

Mr Chan shared his in-depth, professional perspective on the exciting opportunities as Hong Kong's develops as an international financial centre and regional legal and dispute resolution services centre.

At the event, Mr Gilford Law, Director-General of London ETO, encouraged the students to seize the many career opportunities available in Hong Kong; in particular those proffered by the National 14th Five-Year Plan and the Greater Bay Area development. He also took the opportunity to promote Hong Kong's various talent-admission schemes to the aspiring lawyers.



Right: President of The Law Society of Hong Kong, CM Chan, and Gilford Law, Director-General of London ETO, welcomed law students studying in London.

●●● Business

Emerging Startup Ecosystem

Witnessing a surge in the number of startups in recent years, Hong Kong has been ranked second in the world's Top 100 Emerging Ecosystem, behind only Detroit.

The report, by US-based research organisation Startup Genome, identifies emerging ecosystems with high potential for early-stage startup communities, based on four factors: Performance, Funding, Market Reach, and Talent and Experience.

In 2021, the number of startups in Hong Kong increased to 3 755, a rise of 68 per cent compared to 2017, according to InvestHK. The top 100 Emerging Ecosystems are collectively worth over US\$1 trillion (HK\$7.8 trillion) in Ecosystem Value, which is a 96 per cent increase from the previous year.

●●● COVID-19

Hong Kong re-opens to visitors with relaxed Covid rules

From 26 September, travelling to Hong Kong became easier as Covid restrictions were relaxed in a move intended to boost economic activities and lead the city on the road to normality.

The previous mandatory hotel quarantine for arrivals has been scrapped, with overseas visitors no longer required to present a negative nucleic acid testing report although they will undergo a test on arrival as part of new Test-and-Go arrangements.

Travellers need to be fully vaccinated and undergo three days of medical surveillance followed by a four-day self-monitoring process, during which time they will be free to go out so long as they follow standard precautions such as wearing facemasks.

The lifting of the compulsory quarantine rules was announced by the Hong Kong Government and immediately welcomed by airlines including Cathay Pacific.

In his announcement, made before a Command and Coordination Group media conference, Hong Kong's Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, ended the

quarantine policy which had been in force for two-and-a-half years. "We want to balance the need for controlling the epidemic with society need, economic need, and also to raise Hong Kong's competitiveness," he said.

At the briefing Mr Lee was joined by senior officials including Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, and the Deputy Secretary for Health (Special Duties), Mr Vincent Fung.

Mr Lee took the opportunity to remind the audience of the five principles that the Hong Kong Government has adopted in designing its anti-COVID measures. "We have to ensure that our hospital service can cope; we have to protect the very young and the very old who are high-risk groups; we have to ensure that we reduce the number of serious cases and death cases; and we want to do it scientifically so that we will control the epidemic through different risk levels by differentiating them into different levels."

Immediate results

Shortly after restrictions were lifted, Hong Kong secured commitments from some of the world's biggest banks to participate in a long-awaited summit, helping to reaffirm its status as a global financial hub. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority said that it would welcome over 200 executives for the programme in November.

In a separate move, it's been announced that Hong Kong plans to give away some 500 000 airline tickets next year as part of a global campaign to revive its vital tourism sector. The Tourism Board chief said the plan is part of a global HK\$100 million promotion to encourage inbound travellers in 2023.

Before making any arrangements, travellers are advised to check the latest position on the government website:
<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html>

Above right: John Lee (second right), held a Command and Coordination Group media briefing with senior Government officials to announce the relaxation of Covid measures for incoming travellers.

●●● Health

Doctor's happy homecoming

A recent rule change, to address a shortage of medical professionals in Hong Kong, has seen a homecoming to the Tiu Shui Wai Hospital for Doctor Frankie Ng.



Scheme. This allows overseas specialists to work in Hong Kong hospitals and applies even to non-residents who graduated abroad at recognised training centres.

Born and raised in Hong Kong, but moving away when he was 18, Dr Ng has always felt closely connected to his hometown, even when studying abroad. Upon completion of his specialist training in the UK, Dr Ng jumped at the opportunity to return

Dr Ng returned to Hong Kong from the UK last year and joined the Hospital Authority as an Associate Consultant (Anaesthesia and Operating Theatre Services), under the Limited Registration

home to work, conscious that he would be able to take care of his family in Hong Kong.

After starting work at the hospital, Dr Ng quickly realised that Hong Kong is the ideal place for him, not just allowing him to remain closer to his family but also to develop his career, build new friendships and, more importantly, improve his quality of life.

"I knew at once that I'd made the right decision to come home," grins Dr Ng who is now in his early forties. "In Hong Kong, the salary is higher and income tax lower, so I take home much more than when working in the UK, so I can give more support to my family now as well as enjoy a better lifestyle."

The doctor is now advancing his career in obstetrics anaesthesia, having been appointed co-ordinator for training in this area, and invited by the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists to lead the training of some specialist courses.

Under the arrangement, qualified but non-locally trained doctors may now work at Hong Kong's medical facilities without the need to undergo licensing examinations.



●●● Tourism

Palace treasures on show



The Hong Kong Palace Museum, in the West Kowloon Cultural District, presents over 900 priceless treasures from the Palace Museum in Beijing; many are on display in Hong Kong for the first time.

Themed galleries shed light on, among other things, the architecture and collections of the museum, portraits of Qing emperors and empresses, China's ceramic traditions, and how contemporary work draws inspiration from time-honoured traditions.



●●● Sport



Right on cue

Congratulations for the amazing achievement of Hong Kong snooker master Mr Marco Fu Ka-chun, runner-up in the Hong Kong Masters 2022 and achieving the tournament's only maximum break of 147 in his semi-final. He went down 6-4 in the final to World No.1 Mr Ronnie O'Sullivan.

The four-day contest at the Hong Kong Coliseum was recognised by the World Snooker Tour, drew a record-breaking final-day audience.

●●● Tourism

Peak Tram: a legend back on track

The sixth-generation of Hong Kong's iconic Peak Tram carried delighted passengers up the Peak on state-of-the-art vehicles.

The new trams, made in Switzerland, preserve the heritage of previous generations. With capacity increased by 75 per cent, they can now carry 210 passengers. They also have wider doors, easier access, and bigger panoramic windows offering wonderful views. The new Peak Tram is part of a multimillion-dollar upgrade project which includes fully replaced haulage and control systems, new tracks and strengthened foundations, as well as refurbished terminals.

The service, which started in 1888, has undergone various phases of modernisation, from the early coal-fired steam boilers to today's electronic control system.



●●● Sport

Cue World Gold



Hong Kong snooker ace Mr Cheung Ka-wai won the special administrative region's first ever Gold medal in the World Games as the city put up its best-ever performance in the tournament.

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, congratulated the twenty-three-year-old on his tremendous achievement of beating Mr Abdelrahman Shahin of Egypt.

"Cheung Ka-wai put up his best and demonstrated the demeanour of a great athlete. I'm so glad and proud of his achievement and sincerely congratulate him," Yeung said.

The Games, hosted by the USA, featured 33 events and included a 17-strong team from Hong Kong who competed in eight events.

Above: Screenshot from the Facebook page of World Confederation of Billiards Sports shows Hong Kong snooker player Cheung Ka-wai (centre).

●●● Tourism

Record-breaking anniversary lantern



At more than 13-metres high, and weighing 2 100 kg, the Palace Lantern is an eye-catching display celebrating the 25th anniversary of the HKSAR.

Papercraft master Mr Ha Chung-kin led a team of volunteers, inmates and their families, as well as teachers and students from the Mainland to create the world's largest hanging lantern.

Featuring designs combining Chinese and Western elements to reflect the city's East-West cultural heritage, the lantern is on show at Statue Square until the end of October.

London ETO commemorates 25th anniversary of HKSAR

Hong Kong films showcased in major European cities as part of commemorations of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (London ETO) supported “Making Waves – Navigators of Hong Kong Cinema”, showcasing a selection of new and classic Hong Kong films presented by Create Hong Kong and local organisations.

The Copenhagen showing, in partnership with the Copenhagen Asian Film Festival, marked Denmark’s first film festival since the pandemic. In Sweden the screening was presented in partnership with the Asian Film Festival, while the London screening was presented in partnership with Focus Hong Kong.

Director-General of London ETO, Mr Gilford Law, spoke of a future for Hong Kong’s film industry as “Hollywood of the East”, and stressed Hong Kong’s unique position as the East-meet-West centre for international cultural exchange as supported by the National 14th Five-Year Plan.



Above top: (from left) Secretary General of the Denmark-Hong Kong Trade Association, Jesper Faber Stuhr; the Counsellor (Cultural Affairs) of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in the Kingdom of Denmark, Li Hong; Director-General of London ETO, Gilford Law; and the Festival Director of the Copenhagen Asian Film Festival, Steen R Jensen, attended the opening reception in Denmark.

Above middle: Director-General of London ETO, Gilford Law (right), with Andrew Heskins of Focus Hong Kong, the co-organiser of the programme in London.

Above: Director-General of London ETO, Gilford Law (right), and Man Nim-chung (left), Director of the opening film “Keep Rolling” of the Sweden screening. The Director came to Sweden in person to support the film festival and engage with local audience in a face-to-face Q&A session.

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, expressed his profound sadness at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom:

“On behalf of the people and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, it is with great sadness that I express our profound condolences on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom. Having reigned for 70 years, she was the longest-reigning monarch of the United Kingdom. She was greatly respected, admired and praised by the British people.”

“We send our deepest condolences to the people of the United Kingdom during this time of national mourning and reflection,” Mr Lee said.

Tallinn, Estonia



London ETO, the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Invest

Hong Kong brought the business seminar Hong Kong: e-Commerce Crossroads and Opportunities to Estonia. Director-General, Mr Gilford Law, encouraged companies to seize opportunities offered by the comprehensive avoidance of double-taxation agreement.

London, UK



The HKSAR 25th anniversary was also marked by the London ETO’s backing of Chinese Write Now – Hong Kong Family Day. The event featured theatre programmes and workshops, from the talented team at Little Bean, for Chinese culture and Chinese language learning.

Manchester, UK



London ETO and Hong Kong Trade Development Council co-

organised Capture the Unprecedented Business Opportunities in Asia through Hong Kong seminar, in partnership with the Department for International Trade North West and supported by the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Manchester China Forum.

London, UK



London ETO supported a commemorative screening of *The Valiant Ones* starring

Mr Hsu Feng, and *Way of the Dragon* starring Mr Bruce Lee, as part of the Fighting Spirit Film Festival which aims to promote martial arts culture and support those working in the sector.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 30 October 2022

London East Asia Film Festival, Hong Kong Night closing gala, London, UK

Saturday, 12 November 2022

Lord Mayor’s Show, London, UK

15–31 December 2022

Hong Kong Sustainable Fashion Promotion, London, UK

Wednesday, 23 November 2022

Hong Kong Business Seminar, Edinburgh, UK

25–26 November 2022

Focus Hong Kong Screening, Glasgow, UK

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