

London Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival 2007
Press Launch on 18 June (Mon), 2:30 p.m.

Speech by Ms Sarah Wu,
Director General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London

- HKETO, London is pleased to be the title sponsor of this event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Dragon Boat Festival

- Dragon Boat racing has become a popular world sport. Hong Kong started the first international dragon boat festival three decades ago, attracting thousands of participants and spectators annually.
- Hong Kong is proud to promote the dragon boat festival, which is emblematic of the strength, energy and competitiveness that Hong Kong is renowned for.
- To hold this year's dragon boat festival on 1 July as part of our celebration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR means a lot to us. Underpinned by the Basic Law and the 'One Country, Two Systems' principle, we continue to thrive and prosper as Asia's world city. While maintaining our freedom and lifestyle, our social, economic and legal systems, 'can-do' spirit and energy remain unchanged.
- HKETO has also sponsored a photo contest organised by Sing Tao Daily to encourage participants to submit the photos taken at the festival that bring back and record their vivid memories.

Other 10th anniversary events

- HKETO London will kick off a colourful programme of celebratory events in the coming months to mark the 10th anniversary. Apart from the Dragon Boat Festival being organised by the London Chinatown Lions Club (LCLC) and the London Chinatown Chinese Association, HKETO will be hosting a reception on 20 June, and organising or supporting, a series of activities, covering film, art exhibition, photo exhibition, seminar and piano recitals from June to November in the UK. The full list of these events is available [here](#).

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2007 marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. In the coming months, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London will organise and support a series of events to promote and raise the profile of Hong Kong to celebrate the 10th anniversary.

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| Jun – Jul | ‘Made in Hong Kong’ Film Season
Cornerhouse, Manchester, UK
(http://www.cornerhouse.org/film/) |
| Jun 30 –
Sep 30 | Art Exhibition
‘The Pivotal Decade: Hong Kong Art 1997-2007’
Chinese Arts Centre, Manchester, UK
(www.chinese-arts-centre.org) |
| Jul 1 | Hong Kong London Dragon Boat Festival
Regatta Centre, Royal Albert Docks, London, UK
(www.lclc.org.uk/dragonboat/) |
| Until
Jul 18 | Art Exhibition
‘Arrivals and Departures: New Perspectives of Hong Kong’
Urbis, Manchester, UK (www.urbis.org.uk) |
| Sep 25-28 | Hong Kong Week in Russia
Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia |
| Mid - Oct | Conference on Hong Kong
Chatham House, London, UK |
| Oct 15 | Photo Exhibition on Hong Kong
At gala dinner of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, London, UK |
| Oct 24 | Concert by Hong Kong musicians
Cadogan Hall, London, UK |
| Oct 27 | Piano recital by Colleen Lee
Sibelius Academy, Helsinki, Finland |
| Oct 29 | Piano recital by Colleen Lee
Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, UK |
| Oct 31 | Piano recital by Colleen Lee
The Sage, Newcastle, UK |
| Nov 10 | Hong Kong entry to the Lord Mayor’s Show
London, UK |