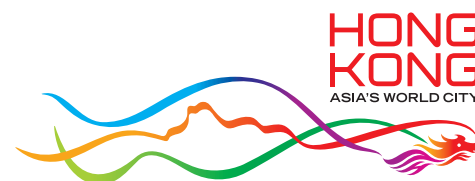


# HONG KONG FILES



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## Chief Executive unveiled blueprint for Hong Kong



*The Chief Executive John Lee announced his Policy Address entitled 'A Vibrant Economy for a Caring Community' in October 2023.*

### Main policy directions



**Uphold the principle of "One Country, Two Systems" and safeguard national security**



**Improve governance**



**Reinforce our advantages and build a diversified economy**



**Trawl for enterprises, attract and retain talents**



**Build a liveable and vibrant city**



**Promote fertility and create a pro-childbearing environment**



**Care for the elderly  
Foster an inclusive community**



**Build an international hub for post-secondary education, and promote diversified youth development**



## Accelerate growth of innovation and technology ecosystem

## Develop cultural, creative and tourism industries

## Develop a leading international maritime & logistics centre

## Use Northern Metropolis as the new engine for growth



## Promote new energy transport

## Build an international hub for tertiary education

# Attract talent by a new Capital Investment Entrant Scheme



## Other highlights of 2023 Policy Address

### “Multiple-entry visas” launched for travel to the Mainland China for eligible Hong Kong-based expatriates

From October 2023, foreign staff working in HK-registered companies can apply for “multiple-entry visas” for travelling to the Mainland China, with validity up to two years. For non-Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents, they can apply for “multiple-entry visa” with a validity up to five years. Prior to this measure, the validity of multiple-entry visas for foreigners working in Hong Kong usually lasted for around six months only.

Applications must be filed to the Chinese Visa Application Service Centre in Hong Kong. Please contact the centre within office hours (9 am to 12 noon, 1 pm to 4 pm (HK time), Monday to Friday) or visit its website for details.



Enquiry hotline: +852 2992 1999  
Email: hongkongcenter@visaforchina.org  
Address: 20/F, Capital Center,  
151 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong  
Website: [https://www.visaforchina.cn/HKG2\\_EN](https://www.visaforchina.cn/HKG2_EN)



## Relaxation of entries for Vietnamese, Laotian and Nepalese

### Vietnamese



#### For work:

Vietnamese nationals can now apply for employment in HK under the following six talent admission schemes: (1) General Employment Policy (both employment as professionals and investment as entrepreneurs) (2) Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (3) Technology Talent Admission Scheme (4) Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents (5) Top Talent Pass Scheme and (6) Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates covering the Greater Bay Area campus of Hong Kong universities.

#### For study:

Vietnamese nationals are already able to apply for admission to study in full-time accredited programmes at undergraduate or above level offered by the University Grants Committee-funded institutions.

#### For travel:

Vietnamese nationals meeting the following criteria may apply for multiple-journey visit visa to Hong Kong with validity up to 24 months for a stay of no more than 14 days for each journey.

- Has a genuine need to visit Hong Kong frequently; and
- He/she has made three or more trouble-free trips to two or more countries or territories (not confined to Hong Kong) in the past 36 months; or
- He/she has previously been granted permission to land in Hong Kong for employment, training, residence or study in the past 24 months.

Multiple-journey visit visa can be applied online (choose “visit/transit” category)  
[https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/index.html#tab\\_f\\_1](https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/index.html#tab_f_1)

### Laotian & Nepalese



#### For work:

Laotian and Nepalese nationals can now apply for employment under the six aforementioned talent admission schemes and training in Hong Kong.

#### For study:

Laotian and Nepalese nationals can come to Hong Kong for study in full-time locally accredited programmes at undergraduate or above level offered by the University Grants Committee-funded institutions.

For further enquiries, please contact Immigration Department direct:

- Enquiry hotline: +852 2824 6111 (from 8.45 am to 5.15 pm, Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 12 noon, Saturday - HK time)
- Email: [enquiry@immd.gov.hk](mailto:enquiry@immd.gov.hk)
- Website: [www.immd.gov.hk](http://www.immd.gov.hk)



## Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises' efforts to take off

The Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises (OASES) is dedicated to attracting high-potential strategic enterprises from around the globe to Hong Kong. Since its establishment late last year, OASES has attracted about 30 strategic enterprises to set up businesses or expand in Hong Kong, to invest more than HK\$30 billion in total and create about 10 000 jobs in the coming years.



Pioneering battery manufacturing company Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. Limited (CATL) announced the establishment of its overseas headquarters and research and development (R&D) centre in Hong Kong.



Biopharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca announced setting up of a R&D Centre focused on cell therapy and gene therapy.

## Hong Kong Talent Engage commences operation

The Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE) opened in October, marking another milestone of the HK Government's efforts to attract foreign talent. In 2023, over 200 000 applications have been received under various talent admission schemes, with over 120 000 approved. Around 81 000 talents have arrived in HK, far exceeding our annual target of 35 000.

<https://www.hkengage.gov.hk> for more details.

## Hear what they say...



**Tim Edmunds,**  
Director of  
Sustainability  
Strategy and  
Transformation at  
PwC, from Australia

*Hong Kong enables you to leapfrog in terms of the experience and the exposure that you will get.*



**Shonalie Raha,**  
Business  
Development  
Manager at Pine  
Labs, from  
Singapore

*The FinTech industry in Hong Kong is extremely innovative and fast-moving.*



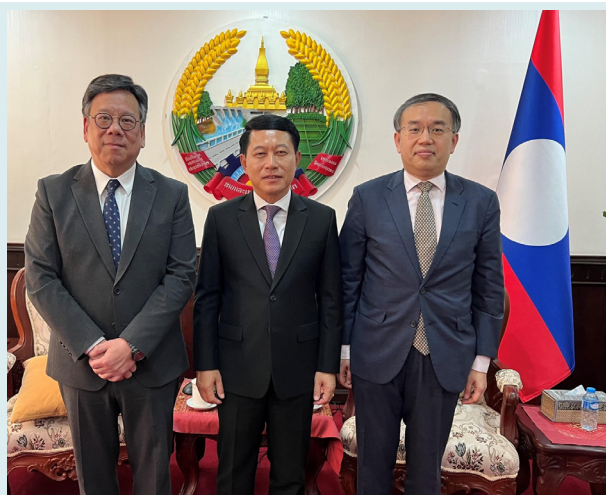
**Attila Gonzcy,**  
professional  
actor and  
drama teacher,  
from Hungary

*Hong Kong has an unmatched vibe that I get from the street.*





# Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and Secretary for Financial Services the Treasury visited Laos and Vietnam



Mr Hui (right) and Mr Yau (left) meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos, Mr Saleumxay Kommasith (centre).

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, and the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, visited Laos from December 11 to 12. Mr Hui further visited Vietnam from December 12 to 15. The visit was to update the Laotian and Vietnamese government and business communities on opportunities in Hong Kong and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, promote Hong Kong's financial, commercial and professional services, and explore collaboration between Hong Kong and the two countries on different fronts. Laos will assume the ASEAN chairmanship in 2024.



Meeting with Minister of Industry and Commerce of Laos, Mr Malaithong Kommasith (second left).



Meeting with the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of Vietnam, Ms Phan Thi Thang (right).



Mr Hui giving an address at a luncheon co-organised with Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Meeting with the Deputy Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, Mr Pham Thanh Ha (right).



Meeting with the Secretary General of the Vietnam Banks' Association, Dr Nguyen Quoc Hung (right).



Mr Hui performing a gong-striking ceremony upon invitation to welcome his visit to the Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange.



Meeting with the Vice Chairman of the State Securities Commission of Vietnam, Mr Luong Hai Sinh (left).





## Secretary for Transport and Logistics visited Vietnam



Meeting with the Deputy Minister of Transport of Vietnam, Mr Le Dinh Tho (first left)

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, led a delegation of Hong Kong Logistics Development Council to Vietnam in October to promote HK's advantages as an international logistics hub and strengthen exchanges in the logistics sectors between two places.



Visiting logistics facilities located near Noi Bai International Airport



Mr Lam delivered a speech at a business luncheon



Dinner with Hong Kong Business Association Vietnam

## Opening night of Hong Kong Film Gala Presentation

Over 100 cinephiles celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival with a private screening of 'Over My Dead Body,' a black comedy on Hong Kong's property market. Presented by the Asian Film Awards Academy and Singapore Film Society, the film opened the Hong Kong Film Gala Presentation, featuring seven diverse films by Hong Kong's young filmmakers.

Amy Chin, executive producer and screenwriter of the film "Over My Dead Body" at the event



Different guests picked a signage representing their favourite film in the Hong Kong Film Gala Presentation.



Chairman of Singapore Film Society Kenneth Tan delivered a welcome speech at the private screening.



Director Ho Cheuk-Tin, executive producer and screenwriter Amy Chin and actor Mak Pui-tung (second left to first right) shared their experiences in filmmaking with the audience.



## Zuni Icosahedron's ONE TABLE TWO CHAIRS theatrical performance



Hong Kong contemporary theatre company Zuni Icosahedron presented a triple-bill production "One Table Two Chairs" at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts.



## The Mad Phoenix Cantonese Opera Performance



After a seven-year hiatus, the classic play "The Mad Phoenix" returned to Singapore, receiving rounds of applause from some 1,500 attendees at the Gateway Theatre. The play was based on the legendary life of talented Cantonese opera playwright Kong Yu Kau, portraying his rise to fame and fall to eccentricity.





# Visit by Asia Pacific Youth Development Foundation

Our office greeted some 20 members of the Future Impact Leaders Programme of the Asia Pacific Youth Development Foundation (AYF) in November. The group visited Singapore and Malaysia on a five-day trip meeting with leaders and organisations in the arena of social impact and digital economy.



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## Hong Kong Event Highlights in January to March 2024



**Asian Financial Forum 2024**  
24-25 Jan, 2024  
<https://www.asianfinancialforum.com>

With the theme of "Multilateral Cooperation for a Shared Tomorrow", Asian Financial Forum 2024 will discuss topical issues from asset management, green finance, to impact investing and family office ecosystem.



**Hong Kong International Film & TV Market (FILMART)**  
11-14 Mar, 2024  
<https://hkfilmart.hktdc.com>

FILMART promotes Hong Kong as the regional hub for distribution and production of film, TV programs and entertainment-related products and services in Asia-Pacific.



**Hong Kong Arts Festival**  
20 Feb-24 Mar, 2024  
<https://www.hk.artsfestival.org>

Hong Kong Arts Festival strives to enrich the cultural life of the city by presenting leading local and international artists in all genres of the performing arts as well as a diverse range of educational programmes.



**WOW Summit**  
26-27 Mar, 2024  
<https://hongkong2024.wowsu mmit.net>

WOW Summit aims to bridge the leading players in Web2 and Web3 with the global community, providing an exclusive platform for networking, critical discussions, and business opportunities.