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Event Notice: **Wednesday, November at 7:30 p.m.**

Speaker: Emily Mo

Director, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Toronto

Updates on Hong Kong—Challenges and Opportunities

Hong Kong and Canada have well-established connections, spanning from business and commerce to social, cultural and human ties. Canada and Hong Kong share similar business culture and systems, and this makes Hong Kong a key partner of Canadian companies which wish to tap into the fast growing Asia Pacific market. In 2017, Hong Kong ranked third as a global destination for Canadian exports of services, and was the second most popular destination for Canadian investment in Asia. There are also more than 200 Canadian companies doing business in Hong Kong. In 2018, Hong Kong was Canada's 10th largest export market with merchandise imports from Canada amounting to \$1.9 billion.

With more than 300,000 Canadians in Hong Kong, the city boasts one of the largest Canadian communities abroad. This community, along with over 500 000 Canadians of Hong Kong descent in Canada, plays an important role in building vibrant bilateral relations.

With the strong connection between the two places, the recent unrest in Hong Kong has attracted much attention in Canada. Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto), Emily Mo, will reflect on the challenges faced by the city, and examine how the city maintains its business advantages as the gateway to Asia. She will also discuss business opportunities for Canada arising from the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development.



Ms Emily Mo joined the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in 2001 as a member of the Administrative Officer Grade. Before taking up the Director post in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto in December 2018, she had worked in different offices, including the Home Affairs Department, the then Environment, Transport and Works Bureau, the Security Bureau, the University Grants Committee Secretariat and the Tourism Commission of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau. Before coming to Toronto, Ms Mo served as the Deputy Head of the Human Resources Planning and Poverty Co-ordination Unit under the Chief Secretary for Administration's Private Office. She was responsible for providing secretariat support to the Human Resources Planning Commission and Commission on Poverty under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for Administration, as well as monitoring the implementation progress of the initiatives and the delivery of policy objectives agreed by the two commissions. Ms Mo received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hong Kong.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

Christ Church Cathedral

414 Sparks Street, Ottawa

(between Bay St. and Bronson Ave)

Free parking on site off Sparks St., handicapped access

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