

## EduCanada Fair Hong Kong 2023 Highlights

- Representatives from 47 Canadian universities, colleges and public and private secondary schools will be present. Other relevant companies will also be at the Fair to provide information on associated services and advice to students.
- Over 50 public information seminars will be held concurrently during the two-day fair. A number of university, college, and K-12 school representatives will introduce their institutions and admission requirements.
- Representatives from the Consulate General of Canada to Hong Kong and Macao will be present to provide information on studying in Canada and applying for a study permit.
- Provincial governments including Québec and Saskatchewan will be present to provide information on studying and living in their provinces.
- Diverse programs<sup>1</sup> suitable for different levels of students will be represented.

### Canada Education Excellence

- 3 Canadian universities ranked in the top 50 worldwide in Times Higher Education University Rankings.<sup>2</sup>
- 9 Canadian universities ranked in the top 200 in QS World University Rankings.<sup>3</sup>
- 11 Canadian universities were in the top 200 of the Global Employability Rankings.<sup>4</sup> Canadian universities are renowned for their ability to produce graduates with the 'soft skills' required for the modern workplace.
- Canada is a top-performing OECD country in reading literacy, math and sciences. Students can perform well regardless of their first language or country of citizenship.<sup>5</sup>
- Canadian colleges, institutes, CEGEPS and polytechnics are recognized worldwide for their practical, career-oriented programs. 95% of college graduates are employed and over four-fifths report their studies are directly related to the work they do.
- Canada is the 4<sup>th</sup> most popular destination for English language learners and 2<sup>nd</sup> for French studies.<sup>6</sup>

### Best Quality of Life

- Canada is an open, safe and culturally diverse society.
- Canada ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> globally for the best quality of life.<sup>7</sup> International students benefit from the same rights and freedoms that protect all Canadians: respect for human rights, equality, diversity and a stable, peaceful society.
- Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver were ranked in the top 20 for best student cities in the world.<sup>8</sup>
- Canada ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> of 168 countries for environmental quality and 9<sup>th</sup> in the world for inclusiveness.<sup>9</sup>

### Key statistics

- There is an estimated 300,000 Canadians living in Hong Kong, representing Canada's largest overseas community in one city outside of the United States of America.
- Approximately 175,000 Canadian alumni are residing in Hong Kong, forging strong ties between Canada and Hong Kong, including through the 31 active Canadian university alumni associations.
- In 2022, 807,260 international students held a valid study permit to study in Canada. This represents 43% growth over the previous five years and nearly 170% over the last decade.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Program ranging from secondary, undergraduate, University Transfer programs, one-year intensive pre-University programs, to Applied Degree and Master's Degree programs catering to secondary students of different levels and tertiary students looking for post-graduate studies.

<sup>2</sup> [Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023](#)

<sup>3</sup> [QS World University Rankings 2024: Top Global Universities](#)

<sup>4</sup> [QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022](#)

<sup>5</sup> [OECD Better Life Index 2023](#)

<sup>6</sup> State of the Language Education Sector in Canada: March 2021, Languages Canada

<sup>7</sup> [U.S. News & World Report, 2022](#)

<sup>8</sup> [QS Best Student Cities 2023](#)

<sup>9</sup> [The Social Progress Index 2022](#)

<sup>10</sup> [Canadian Bureau for International Education](#)

- The number of international students from Hong Kong studying in Canada increased by 72.5% to 13,100 in 2022.
- Canada offers affordable education and living expenses.
  - Average tuition fees for international undergraduate students in 2022-2023 is only C\$36,100 (~HK\$210,000) per year.
  - Tuition fees for colleges and vocational schools vary depending on the program and school. College programs vary in length. Some programs may only take a few months or others a few years. Typically, tuition can range from approximately C\$7,000 (~HK\$41,000) to C\$22,000 (~HK\$128,000) per year.

#### **Favorable Policy for International Students Working and Staying in Canada**

- Eligible international students may be able to work during studies in Canada.
- Eligible international students may be able to apply for a Post-Graduate Work Permit and work for up to three years in Canada after graduation.
- With valid work experience, graduates of eligible post-secondary institutions may apply for permanent residency through Express Entry and Nominee programs of certain provincial governments.