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**Study in Canada!
Consulate General of Canada to host 12th EduCanada Fair**

Hong Kong, September 24, 2024 – The Consulate General of Canada to Hong Kong and Macao is hosting the annual **EduCanada Fair on October 19 and 20, 2024** at [Hotel Alexandra](#) in North Point. The EduCanada Fair is a great opportunity to meet representatives from Canadian education institutions, learn about the Canadian education system, get the most up-to-date information on how to apply for a study permit and discover options for working in Canada after graduation.

Canada is among the top destinations of choice for international students pursuing their education. In 2023, over 1 million students from all over the world chose to study in Canada, among which 14,115 students were from Hong Kong.

From elementary to post-secondary studies, Canada is known for offering high quality education and research opportunities. Canada’s college and university degrees are recognized worldwide, and tuition fees are among the lowest in English speaking countries. Students may also be able to stay and work in Canada after graduation.

“Education plays a crucial role in strengthening the already strong ties between Canada and Hong Kong. We are seeing an increasing number of Hong Kong students studying in Canada in recent years. The strong presence of Canadian institutions at the EduCanada Fair again this year not only demonstrates how much we value the students from Hong Kong and Macao but also the commitment of Canada in continuing the cultural and academic exchanges between the two places,” says Jason Reeve, Senior Trade Commissioner of Canada to Hong Kong and Macao. “We are excited to welcome students and their guardians to the EduCanada Fair this October and we look forward to seeing many of you in Canada soon.”

Visit the EduCanada Fair to learn more!

Representatives from 50 Canadian universities, colleges, public and private K-12 (elementary and secondary) schools will exhibit at the fair and meet with students and parents to give first-hand information about their institutions and the programs they offer. A series of public information seminars will also be held during the two-day fair. Representatives from Canadian schools will introduce their institutions and their admission requirements. Some will offer information on various programs available to students who would like to prepare for university. Representatives from the Consulate General of Canada will also be present at the Fair to provide general information on studying in Canada and study permit application procedures.

12th EduCanada Fair

Date: October 19 & 20, 2024 (Sat & Sun)

Time: 10:30AM to 4:00PM

Venue: Grand Ballroom, Hotel Alexandra, 32 City Garden Road, North Point, Hong Kong.

More information about the Fair including a list of exhibitors and a seminar timetable can be found on the Fair website www.educationCanada.hk.

A backgrounder with EduCanada Fair highlights, Canada's education excellence, and key statistics is attached.

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EduCanada Fair Hong Kong 2024 Highlights

- Representatives from 50 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 38 public information seminars will be held concurrently during the two-day fair. Representatives from various universities, colleges, and K-12 schools 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.
- Diverse programs¹ 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.²
- 9 Canadian universities ranked in the top 200 in QS World University Rankings.³
- 11 Canadian universities were in the top 200 of the Global Employability Rankings.⁴ Canadian graduates are often seen as highly employable due to their strong academic background, practical experience, and the soft skills they develop during their studies.
- Canada is a top-performing OECD country in reading literacy, math and sciences. Students can perform well regardless of their socio-economic status, first language or country of citizenship.⁵
- 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 ranked 4th among the Best Countries for Education.⁶ Canada is an excellent choice for elementary and high school education as we have one of the strongest records of student achievement in the world. Canadian teens are among the best educated in the world. Canadian schools have highly educated teachers, modern technology and aim for low student-teacher ratios.
- Canada is the 4th most popular destination for English language learners and 2nd for French studies.⁷

Best Quality of Life

- Canada is an open, safe, stable, culturally diverse and inclusive society.
- Canada ranks 2nd globally for the best quality of life.⁸ 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. Ottawa was 55 and Quebec City was 106.⁹

¹ Programs 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.

² Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023

³ [QS World University Rankings 2024: Top Global Universities](#)

⁴ [QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2023-24](#)

⁵ [OECD Better Life Index 2023](#)

⁶ [U.S. News & World Report, Best Countries for Education, 2023](#)

⁷ State of the Language Education Sector in Canada: March 2021, Languages Canada

⁸ [U.S. News & World Report, 2023](#)

⁹ [QS Best Student Cities 2023](#)



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.
- Nearly 200,000 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 2023, 1,040,985 international students held a valid study permit to study in Canada. This represents 63% growth over the previous five years and nearly 200% over the last decade.¹⁰
- The number of international students from Hong Kong studying in Canada increased by nearly 8% to 14,155 in 2023.
- Canada offers affordable education and living expenses.
 - Average tuition fees for international undergraduate students in 2023-2024 is only C\$38,081 (~HK\$218,000) 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.
 - Tuition fees for elementary and high schools vary depending on the type of schools.
 - Public schools can range from C\$9,500 (~HK\$ 54,400) to C\$17,000 (~HK\$97,400) per year
 - Private or independent day schools can range from C\$15,000 (~HK\$85,900) to C\$30,000 (~HK\$171,900) per year
 - Private or independent boarding schools can range from C\$63,000 (~HK\$361,000) to C\$83,000 (~HK\$475,600) 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 and programs may be able to apply for permanent residency through certain programs.

¹⁰ [Canadian Bureau for International Education](#)