

# Toronto ET0 supports 36th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival (with photos)

The 36th Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival, organised by the Toronto Chinese Business Association and supported by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (Toronto ET0), welcomed teams from across Canada and around the world on June 15 and 16 (Toronto time), attracting thousands of people to the Centre Island in Toronto to enjoy this annual event.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Festival, the Director of the Toronto ET0, Ms Emily Mo, remarked that Toronto ET0 is proud to continue the support of the Festival. "Dragon boat race signifies the strong and close ties between Hong Kong and Canada," said Ms Mo. "We brought this modernized water sport from Hong Kong to Canada."

Ms Mo also shared with the audience that Hong Kong is blessed with a constant stream of exciting events this year. "Over 200 mega events is being held throughout 2024, spanning through cultural, arts, music, sports events, conventions and exhibitions on different sectors, as well as traditional festivals, celebrations, galas and carnivals," Ms Mo added.

Ms Mo encouraged Canadians to visit the events calendar of Hong Kong when planning their itinerary to travel to this Asian World City.

On both days of the Festival, the Toronto ET0 set up a Hong Kong pavilion with mini-exhibition to showcase the history of dragon boating in Hong Kong. Giveaways were also distributed to the race spectators.

In addition, as one of the highlights of the Festival, the commemorative Hong Kong Cup, sponsored by the Toronto ET0, was presented to one of the dragon boat race winning teams on June 16 (Toronto time).

Toronto ET0 has been sponsoring dragon boat racing in different cities across Canada. The dragon boat festivals in Vancouver and Ottawa will be held from June 21 to 23 (Canada time) respectively.

