

Vancouver Information Centre opens its doors

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Want to know more about Vancouver? Try the Vancouver Information Centre which recently opened its doors in the China Building in Central. It has been set up to provide a broad range of information services to the Hong Kong public on life in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Hong Kong and Vancouver have had strong socio-economic ties for decades. This bond has been strengthened even

further in recent years with the spiralling growth in investment and immigration to the popular west coast city. In the past five years alone, Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited has sold over 2.1 million square feet (or 1,700 units) of Vancouver condominiums, including developments in Concord Pacific Place which is located in the False Creek area on the former Expo lands.

In view of this tremendous interest in Vancouver by Hong Kong people, Cheung Kong (the Hong Kong marketing agents for Concord Pacific Place) recognized the need to provide an all-round information service about life in Vancouver.

As a result, Cheung Kong has joined forces with the B.C. Trade Office, the Canadian Imperial

Bank of Commerce, international accounting firm KPMG Peat Marwick, Canadian law firm Stikeman, Elliot and Concord Pacific Developments Limited, pooling their resources to provide a comprehensive information service to people about all aspects of life in Vancouver.


The result is the Vancouver Information Centre, an information resource on a wide spectrum of topics on one of Hong Kong's favourite Canadian cities. The Vancouver Information Centre provides free information on things ranging from Vancouver's education system, property market, B.C.'s tax and legal systems, to recreational activities, climate, tourist attractions, and current news bulletins.

The manager of the centre, David Wan, says it strives to provide a personal touch. Most of the personnel at the Vancouver Information Centre have lived in Vancouver for extended periods of time and have extensive knowledge and experience to share with Hong Kong people about life in Vancouver.

The services provided by the centre are free of charge and it is open to the public from 9 am to 5:30 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. It's located at: 20/F, China Building, 29 Queen's Road, Central, tel: 526-2269, fax: 521-5728.

Members of the public are encouraged to drop by the centre in person, while telephone and fax enquiries are also welcome. ♦

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