

# Memo

1 May 2017

**To:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillors, Independent Maori Statutory Board members, Executive Leadership Team

**Cc:** Jacques Victor, GM - Auckland Plan Strategy & Research

**From:** Koro Dickinson, Manager Global Partnerships and Strategy

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**Subject: Monthly Global Engagement Activity update**

## Summary

Outlines key global engagement upcoming activity during the month of May 2017, as of 28 April 2017. Also notes key activity undertaken in April 2017 and outcomes achieved through this activity. Outbound travel has been approved by the chair of the Finance and Performance committee.

**Action:** for information

## Key activity - May 2017

The following is a list of upcoming global activity facilitated by Auckland Council's Global Partnerships and Strategy (GPS) Unit:

Date	Activity	Location
3 May	CEO of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Brook Barrington: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mayoral meeting</li> <li>o Meeting Stephen Town and CCO CEOs</li> <li>o Presentation to Councillors</li> </ul>	Auckland
4 - 6 May	Sister Cities NZ Conference 2017	Invercargill
9 May	New Zealand Minister of Trade Todd McClay-Mayor Phil Goff meeting	Auckland
10 – 11 May	United Arab Emirates Minister of Economy visit for the 6 <sup>th</sup> Joint Economic Commission and Mayoral meeting	Auckland
17- 23 May	Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore attends World Cities Summit Mayors Forum in Suzhou, China and visits Singapore	Suzhou, China Singapore
23 May	Auckland Conversations event and associated programme with Ms. Edith Hsu-Chen, Director for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City Department of Planning	Auckland
30 May	Visit by Vice Mayor of Guangzhou, Mr Yang Jiang hua and delegation.	Auckland

## Key activity - April 2017

The following is a list of key global activity facilitated by GPS in April 2017 and outcomes:

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
5 April	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore Mayoral meeting and ICT workshop	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Auckland Council's ICT team will explore the opportunity for a strategic partnership with relevant parties in Singapore on smart cities.</li></ul>
1 April – 4 April	Busan mayoral delegation to Auckland	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reiteration of commitment to continuing the 21-year long city partnership and strengthening economic cooperation</li><li>A business promotion event at the Town Hall attracted 60 attendees</li><li>Site visits to Auckland's AR/VR Garage, AUT's Motion Capture Studio and Wynyard Quarter reinforced opportunities for collaboration in the screen/creative industry and maritime sectors</li><li>Councillor Hulse and the Chief Sustainability Officer presented on Auckland's approach to climate change.</li></ul>
17-19 April	Mayoral outbound to Melbourne	Melbourne, Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site visits and targeted meetings to discuss Melbourne's city centre rejuvenation, greening initiatives, homelessness, infrastructure (identification, planning &amp; funding, transport and metro tunnel) and consider lessons for Auckland. Included a call on Melbourne Lord Mayor Robert Doyle.</li></ul>

## Next steps

- The Global Partnerships and Strategy Unit will provide an update on key global activity each month going forward.
- Requests for additional information or enquiries about the information listed above can be directed to Koro Dickinson, Manager, Global Partnerships and Strategy ([koro.dickinson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:koro.dickinson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz); 021 942 214).