

Memo

1 June 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

Subject: Global Engagement Activity Update – June 2017

Summary

Outlines key upcoming global engagement activity during the month of June 2017, as of 31 May 2017. Also notes key activity undertaken in May 2017 and outcomes achieved through this activity.

Action: for information

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

Date	Activity	Location
2 June	GPS meeting with Stefan Hulisz, Deputy Head of Mission of the Netherlands Embassy to discuss a Netherlands Start-up Tech delegation visit in November 2017	Auckland
13 June	Councillor Darby meeting Guangdong Public Diplomacy Association delegation led by Mr WU Weipeng	Auckland
13-14 June	Mayor Phil Goff attending the welcome reception for the inaugural Sichuan Airlines flight from Chengdu to Auckland	Auckland
20 June	Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore meeting with Vice Mayor of Guangzhou, Mr YANG Jianghua, and delegation	Auckland
27 June	Mayor Phil Goff - New Zealand Minister of Trade Todd McClay meeting	Auckland

Key activity - May 2017

The following is a list of key global activity facilitated by GPS in May 2017:

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
4 May	President of the China Railway Group (CRG) meeting with Mayor Phil Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship building with CRG – the largest rail laying company in the world. CRG has offered to provide technical support in relation to the development of a comprehensive rail network system for Auckland.
4 - 6 May	Sister Cities NZ Conference 2017	Invercargill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS presentation to local government representatives on Auckland Council's global engagement strategy.
16- 24 May	Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore outbound: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shanghai/Hang Zhou Investment Forum World Cities Summit Mayors Forum Meeting with Singapore Land Transport Authority; Urban Redevelopment Authority; and Maritime and Port Authority McKinsey Global Infrastructure Initiative Summit - Singapore 	China and Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the Investment Forum in Shanghai to showcase Panuku-led projects for joint venture opportunities. The Deputy Mayor represented Auckland at this pre-eminent World Cities Summit Mayoral Forum. Networked with other city leaders, experts and companies to ensure Auckland has a strategic presence at the Forum. Gained strategic insights into the latest thinking on infrastructure funding and development.
23 May	Auckland Conversations event and associated two day best practice exchange programme for Ms. Edith Hsu-Chen, Manhattan Director, New York City (NYC) Department of Planning	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland Conversations event attended by approximately 700 people. Key planning lessons from NYC of relevance to Auckland discussed. Best practice workshops co-ordinated with Chief Planning Office, Auckland Transport, University of Auckland, Generation Zero, and Infrastructure NZ.

Next steps

- The Global Partnerships and Strategy Unit will provide an update on key global activity each month.
- 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; 021 942 214).