

Memo

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

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Subject: Global Engagement Activity Update – October 2017

Summary

The purpose of this memo is to outline Auckland Council's key upcoming global engagement activity during the month of October 2017. It also notes key activity undertaken in September 2017 and outcomes achieved through this activity.

Action: for information

Date	Key Activity – October 2017	Location
28 Sept to 6 Oct	Councillor Wayne Walker represents Auckland at the 2017 International Forum on Climate Change and City Transformation, and the EcoMobility World Congress, as well as visits Auckland's partner city Taichung.	Taiwan
10-25 Oct	Mayor Phil Goff attends City Lab and Mayors Innovation workshop in Paris hosted by Michael Bloomberg; WW100 commemoration in Belgium; calls on Mayor Sadiq Khan, transport and infrastructure experts and the Prince's Foundation in London.	Paris/Belgium/London
12-13 Oct	Visit by Guangzhou People's Congress Delegation to study Auckland infrastructure and community resilience	Auckland
16-20 Oct	Visit by Guangzhou TV for Tripartite Economic Alliance filming	Auckland
25-31 Oct	2017 International Youth Organisation Forum & Beijing Sister City Youth Camp	Beijing

Key Activity - September 2017

The following is a list of key global activity facilitated by GPS and outcomes achieved:

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
5 Sept	Third (final) Tripartite Summit Preparation Workshop	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential delegates were informed the economic/political context, latest market trends, IP rights management and business conduction in China Registration closed on 25 September. 91 delegates from 64 companies have registered as part of the official Auckland delegation.
9 Sept	Follow up business and investor facilitation for NZ Goodness	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to key parties in Auckland and LA for potential manufacturing and investment opportunities.

9-11 Sept	Mayor Phil Goff meets with the Governor of Shandong Province	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed Shandong's current investments in Auckland: Haier Group with Fisher & Paykel, Changda NZ CO Ltd and Shandong Wanghai Group involving property development
11 Sept	LI Fei, Deputy Secretary-General of the Standing Committee of China National People's Congress meets with the council's Governance Director Phil Wilson	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best practice sharing on the division of responsibility between the central and local governments in New Zealand
12 Sept	GPS facilitated a meeting between Auckland Emergency Management and MFAT Humanitarian and Disaster Management representative, Olivia Benton-Guy	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Points of contacts to be confirmed for international disaster responses for Auckland Council Discussed central- local governments interface
15 Sept	Ambassador of Mexico, HE Mr José Traslosheros Hernandez courtesy call with the Deputy Mayor Cashmore and John Mauro	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed opportunities to increase Auckland's engagement with Mexico in areas including agri-business; renewable energy; interest to establish education links and participation in C40
22 Sept	Through a video welcome address, Mayor Phil Goff digitally participants in the 2017 Ningbo-Auckland Education Association (NAEA) Conference	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported Auckland's formal partner city relationship with Ningbo, China Strengthened the sharing of the education experience and promote educational collaboration
22-25 Sept	City of Toronto's Chief Planner, Jennifer Keesmaat visits for Auckland Conversations and undertakes an official programme	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful Auckland Conversation event attended by 700-800 participants Four Council focus workshops with CPO and Councillors on transport planning, urban design, housing affordability and youth engagement
25 Sept	New Ambassador of the Republic of Korea HE Mr YEO, Seung-bae courtesy call with the Mayor	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchanged views about the tension in the Korean Peninsula Discussed the value of the partner city relationship with Busan Invitation to the Mayor to attend the Korean cultural events in Auckland
26 Sept	Meeting with Xiaoling Wu, Deputy Head of Mission, Netherlands Embassy to New Zealand	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed visit to Auckland by Dutch IT Companies in November 2017 and leveraging opportunities for Volvo Ocean race in February 2018

Next steps

- The Global Partnerships and Strategy Unit will provide an update on key global activity each month.
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