

Memo

1 March 2018

To: Mayor Phil Goff, Councillors, Independent Maori Statutory Board Members, Executive Leadership Team

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Subject: Global Engagement Activity Update – March 2018

Summary

The purpose of this memo is to outline Auckland Council's key upcoming global engagement activity during the month of March 2018. It notes key activity undertaken last month and outcomes achieved through this activity.

Action: for information

Date	Key Activity – March 2018	Location
1-4 Mar	Auckland Lantern Festival (ATEED-led)	Auckland
7 Mar	Visit by President Jin of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	Auckland
2 Mar	Australia New Zealand Leadership Forum participation by ATEED CEO	Sydney
27 Feb -18 Mar	Volvo Ocean Race Auckland leg visit and accompanying events	Auckland
15 Mar	Visit by Volnei José Morastoni, the Mayor of Itajaí (the Brazilian city that will host the next leg of the Volvo Ocean Race) and delegation	Auckland
15 Mar	Roundtable discussion on impacts of climate change with Adrienne van der Sar, Deputy Director of the Delta Committee of the Netherlands	Auckland
15-16 Mar	Visit by Mr Anutin Charnvirakul - Thai politician and business leader to learn about Auckland's experience in renewable energy use and infrastructure development	Auckland
20-29 Mar	Councillor Chris Darby visiting Taiwan at the official invitation by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Auckland	Taiwan
28 Mar	Visit by Asian Pacific Children's Conference "Mission Project" delegation from Fukuoka, Japan	Auckland

Key Activity - February 2018

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

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
1-2 Feb	Visit by the inaugural Australian Indigenous Business Delegation focused on Māori economic development	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported Auckland Council group engagement with the delegation and facilitated The Southern Initiative participation on social procurement - in particular He Waka Eke Noa.
1 Feb	Mayor hosted the welcome reception for 2018 APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) meeting	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided an overview of Auckland Council's role and outlined Auckland's key global engagement priorities.

7 Feb	Wahidullah Waissi, Ambassador of Afghanistan to New Zealand called on Auckland Council	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of Auckland Council's key priorities. Welcomed further engagement with the Afghani Community in Auckland.
12 Feb	UK Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific, Mark Field called on Mayor Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained insight into geo-political issues in Asia-Pacific and future collaboration opportunities between UK and NZ.
13-14 Feb	Japanese special needs student delegation from Kakogawa called on Councillor Wayne Walker	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforced the partner city relationship between Auckland and Kakogawa. Enhanced the students' confidence through their Auckland engagements.
19 Feb	The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Charles Bowman called on Mayor Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed opportunity to collaborate with City of London on FINTECH, cybersecurity, infrastructure development and green finance.
Week of 20 Feb	Facilitated Sky Tower's participation in Guangzhou's 'Worldwide Tower Light-up Project' to celebrate the Chinese Spring Festival	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge the Auckland-Guangzhou city partnership and helped to enhance Auckland's global visibility.
20 Feb	Mayor of Toyota City, Japan called on Deputy Mayor Cashmore to promote 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted the sport exchange between Japan and Auckland. • Best practice sharing of Auckland's experience in hosting RWC 2011.
20 Feb	The State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan called on Mayor Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the involvement of the Obayashi Corporation in the Waterview Tunnel project and opportunities for Japanese investment in Auckland's infrastructure. • Discussed the collaboration opportunities along with the sporting events to be held in Japan.
23 Feb	Courtesy call on Mayor Goff by the Australian High Commissioner, H.E. Mr Ewen McDonald	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed major infrastructure, funding to meet growth demand and other key challenges.
26 Feb	Roundtable with Finland's Minister of Economic Affairs Mika Lintilä and accompanying Smart City focused trade delegation	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to engage in best practice exchange with an innovative global economy and learn from leading actors in the Smart City space including Nokia and VTT.
26 Feb	Tripartite Reunion and ASB Lantern Forum	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 300 attendees were informed and inspired by new thinking, connections and business between Auckland and China. • Mayor Goff's speech promoted Auckland as a great place to live, work and invest, and emphasised the importance of strong Auckland-China relationship.

Next steps

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