

Memo

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

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Subject: Global Engagement Activity Update – April 2018

Summary:

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

Action: for information

Date	Key Activity – April 2018	Location
3 Apr	Newly appointed Korean Consul General Bae-kwan HONG introductory call on Mayor Goff	Auckland
4 Apr	Clare Fearnley, NZ Ambassador-designate to China pre-posting call on Mayor Goff	Auckland
7-8 Apr	US Congressional House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure delegation – briefing and site visit of City Rail Link	Auckland
8-11 Apr	Mayor Goff official visit to Hong Kong on the Hong Kong Government Sponsored Visitors Programme	Hong Kong
3-11 Apr	Speech Contest Winner Ami Kamata from Fukuoka visit to Orewa College and Auckland Council	Auckland
12-15 Apr	Brisbane Mayoral Business Mission visit to Auckland to mark 30 th anniversary of the city to city partnership	Auckland
14-16 Apr	Annual visit for Korean Day by a Busan Municipal Delegation	Auckland
20 Apr	Newly appointed Consul General of Colombia to New Zealand Mr. Lennin Hernandez -Alarcon introductory call on Mayor Goff	Auckland

Key Activity - March 2018

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

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
1-4 Mar	Auckland Lantern Festival (ATEED-led)	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor participated at opening ceremony Highlighted Auckland's diversity and stronger intercultural connection through the Festival with over 200,000 attendees.
7 Mar	Visit to Auckland Council Investment Office, Panuku, ATEED and IMSB by Mr Jin Liqun, President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Fund (AIIB)	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated discussions on the potential of the AIIB to investment in New Zealand. Gained an understanding of the AIIB fund and its potential application in Auckland.

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
13 Mar	Director Raymond Fan of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) call on Mayor Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed Hong Kong's economic, trade and cultural ties with Auckland. Discussed the Mayor's upcoming visit to Hong Kong.
12-18 Mar	Visit to Auckland 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Goff engaged in the ceremonial handover of the Volvo Ocean Race to the Mayor of Itajaí and farewelled the sailors. Best practice sharing of Auckland's experience on waste management; attracting & hosting of events; Auckland Plan, and Port development.
15 Mar	Adrienne van der Sar, Deputy Director of the Delta Committee of the Netherlands roundtable discussion with Auckland Council	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchanged best practice with a leading global actor on dealing with the impacts of climate change on cities including flooding and coastal inundation.
15 Mar	Viet Nam Prime Minister H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc called on Mayor Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deepened understandings between Vietnam and Auckland. Discussed geopolitical and trade issues in the Asia-Pacific.
15-16 Mar	Mr Anutin Charnvirakul - Thai politician and business leader called on Deputy Mayor Cashmore and visited City Rail Link	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcased Auckland's infrastructure and sustainable development. Raised Auckland's profile with an influential Thai political leader.
20-29 Mar	Councillor Chris Darby visited Taiwan at the official invitation by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Auckland	Taiwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented at 2018 Smart City Summit and Expo Mayors' Summit. Engaged with the Council of Indigenous Peoples, Taichung and Taipei City Governments. Discussed opportunities for indigenous exchanges with iwi. Urban development learnings: electronic toll collection system and urban rejuvenation project.
25-29 Mar	Global Partnerships and Strategy and Block House Bay Intermediate School co-hosted a visit by Asian Pacific Children's Conference "Mission Project" delegation from Fukuoka, Japan	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened Fukuoka and Auckland partner city relationship. Enhanced young students' global understanding through cultural exchange and school visits.
27 Mar - 1 Apr	Visit to Auckland Council by Prof. Jens Bley - 'eCultureLab' Hafencity University of Hamburg	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed upcoming roadshow visit from Hamburg in early 2019 on "Smart City Applications in the Cultural Realm".

Next steps

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