

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 – June 2018

Summary

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

Action: for information

Date	Key Activity – June 2018	Location
8 June	Fijian International School visit Auckland Council to learn about Auckland's development strategy on plans and places.	Auckland
June-July	Engaging with stakeholders to prepare for the Mayoral visit to Japan (Tokyo and Fukuoka) 29 July to 3 August.	Auckland
19 June	Danie Beukman, Global Government Relations Manager, Cruise Automation (GM) visit to Auckland to meet with Auckland Transport and Auckland Council's Head of Innovation	Auckland
20 June	Lunchtime learning with ADO/GPS – 'UN Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda – applicable to Auckland?'	Auckland
21 June	GPS sponsored Auckland Conversations: Matt Petersen, President and CEO, Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator	Auckland
22 June	EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström and delegation in Auckland to launch EU-NZ FTA negotiations	Auckland

Key Activity – April 2018

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

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
11 May	GPS attended First China International Import Expo Business Forum	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated the briefing of NZ businesses on opportunities to exhibit at the Intl Expo in Shanghai in November 2018.
14 May	China Business Summit 2018	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed and reflected on the breadth of engagement between New Zealand and Chinese companies.

17-21 May	Deputy Chair of Independent Māori Statutory Board (IMSB), Glenn Wilcox, as part of the Waiora Tūmanako Rōpū delegation, participated in the Seongju-host International Life Festival	Seongju County, South Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported Maori responsiveness and international engagement at grass root level and profiled Auckland.
22-25 May	GPS, ATEED and Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore attended the 2018 Select LA Investment Summit along with a 12-member business delegation. The event was the designated 2018 Tripartite Economic Alliance event.	Los Angeles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced trilateral civic relationships with Los Angeles and Guangzhou - Deputy Mayor Cashmore met with the Mayor of LA Eric Garcetti and the Deputy Mayors of Guangzhou and LA. Best practice exchange – the Deputy Mayor visited the LA Bureau of Street Services, LA Metro and Port of LA to learn innovative developments. Reinforced Auckland's commitment to the Tripartite Economic Alliance and Auckland committed to hosting Tripartite-related activity in 2019. Business delegates built up valuable networks including a Guangzhou company and an Auckland Company that are in talks for a joint venture.
24-25 May	MFAT "Leaders Week" Auckland engagement. GPS/ADO facilitated an Auckland bus tour to present key urban developments to Ambassadors. GPS advisors attended country briefings from respective Ambassadors in the U.S., China, Japan, ASEAN, and EU. Mayor Goff attended the leaders function.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deepened MFAT Heads of Mission understanding of Auckland's opportunities and challenges associated with its growth. Profiled Auckland to our key offshore international agents. Obtained updates and insights from New Zealand's global engagement fronts for Auckland to have up-to-date and tailored international strategy in place.
25 May	GPS attended the 2018 Sister Cities New Zealand Conference. The theme was "connecting globally through technology".	Lower Hutt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Profiled Auckland to international key stakeholders. Auckland Council's Fukuoka Garden won the Best Project Local Government Award and Overall Sister Cities Award.
30 May	Minoru Kikiuchi, Consul General of Japan (Auckland) called on Deputy Mayor Cashmore	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory call and opportunity to discuss Mayoral visit to Japan in July-August.
31 May	Denmark's Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand Tom Nørring called on GPS and Waste Management	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory courtesy call and to engage in best practise policy/innovation in the waste management space.

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 Tao Chen, Advisor Global Partnerships and Strategy; (tao.chen@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz Mobile: 021 853 948).