

Memo

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

Cc: Jacques Victor, GM - Auckland Plan Strategy & Research

From: Global Partnerships and Strategy Unit (GPS)

Subject: Global Engagement Activity Update – July 2018 - Summary

This memo outlines the Council's upcoming global engagement activity during July 2018. It also notes the outcomes of the previous month.

Nick McDonnell began as Manager of GPS on 18 June. Nick has spent several years working across Air New Zealand. He will be engaging Councillors and stakeholders over the next month to discuss and understand the GPS role.

Action: for information.

Date	Key Activity – July 2018	Location
11 July	Consul General Mr. Minoru Kikuchi of Japan will call on Mayor Goff	Auckland
12 July	Mayor Goff / GPS to attend the 242nd US Independence Day event hosted by the US Ambassador and the US Consul General	Auckland
11-24 July	Six Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School students to participate in the 30 th Asia Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan. GPS has been sponsored to accompany.	Fukuoka Japan
19-20 July	Introductory call on Mayor Goff and Chief of Strategy, Jim Quinn by the incoming US Consul General Katelyn Choe.	Auckland
25-29 July	Working group from China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism to visit Auckland to view potential sites for the establishment of a China Cultural Centre.	Auckland
29 July- 4 Aug	Auckland Mayoral visit to Tokyo and Fukuoka to attend the 12 th Asian Pacific Cities Summit, sponsored by Fukuoka City Council	Japan

Key Activity – June 2018

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

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
8 June	Fiji's International School visited Auckland Council to learn about Auckland's Development Strategy in Plans and Places.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened Auckland's Fijian Partnership and people to people connection. Educative opportunity for the Fijian students who will now complete a comparative case study on the planning and design of Auckland and Nadi.
13 June	GPS facilitated for Mayor Goff to send a congratulatory video message to the new Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City, Mr Oh Geo-don.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The video will be presented at the Busan Mayor's inauguration on 1 July and help profile the Auckland-Busan partnership in Korea.

13 June	UN Habitat & Sustainable Development Goals – Lunchtime Learning Session.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS, Chief Sustainability Office, Auckland Design Office, and the University of Auckland collaborated on a presentation to outline the relevance of the SDGs in an Auckland/New Zealand context.
June-July	Ongoing engagement with stakeholders to prepare for Mayoral visit to Tokyo and the Asia Pacific Cities Summit in Fukuoka, Japan from 29 July to 3 August.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Asia Pacific Cities Summit will have a strong focus on the UN's Habitat III Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. Confirmed bilateral meetings with the Mayors of Auckland's partner cities in Japan- Shinagawa, Utsunomiya and Fukuoka and the Governor of Tokyo(tbc).
19 June	Danie Beukman, Global Government Relations Manager, Cruise Automation, San Francisco met with Auckland Transport and Auckland Council's Head of Innovation.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on current testing in San Francisco with target to deploy first autonomous vehicle (AV) by late 2019. Cruise Automation (CA) will maintain contact with Auckland Transport on the advancement of their testing and plans to globally commercialise fleets of their AVs.
19 June	GPS participated in a Roundtable with a delegation from the China Institute of International Studies (CIIS),	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinions exchanged on Belt & Road Initiative, FTA, bilateral relations and the impact of Chinese "soft power" in the Asia-Pacific region. Profiled Auckland to one of China's top think-tanks.
21 June	Auckland Conversations: Matt Petersen, President and CEO, Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable discussion/best practice exchange with Council officials on 'Unlocking Low Carbon Prosperity through Innovation' and looking into further potential partnering between LA and Auckland in this space.
21 June	Screen Auckland and the NZ Film Commission visited Auckland's partner cities Qingdao and Taichung.	Qingdao China, Taichung, Taiwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS facilitated Screen sector engagement with the Qingdao Foreign Affairs Office and Qingdao Culture, Radio, TV, Press and Publication Bureau to discuss future collaboration.
22 June	EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström and delegation visit Auckland to launch EU-NZ FTA negotiations.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS engaged on EU-NZ Business Council event to outline opportunities/implications for Auckland and the broader NZ economy. Officials updated on relevant chapters to Council: Govt Procurement and Environment.
26 June	GPS met with CAPE- the Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence – leading regional think tank.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information exchanged on key work programmes and Asia engagement strategy moving forward. Discussed opportunities for future Auckland -CAPE collaboration.
June-July	Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS has facilitated the Development Projects Office to submit an entry based on Freyberg Place and the Ellen Melville Centre Upgrade.

Next steps

- GPS will provide an update on global activity each month.
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