

Memo

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

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From: Global Partnerships and Strategy Unit (GPS)

Subject: Global Engagement Activity Update – August 2018 - Summary

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

Action: for information.

Date	Key Activity – August 2018	Location
29 July-4 Aug	Mayor Goff is currently visiting Tokyo and Fukuoka to attend the 12 th Asian Pacific Cities Summit. He is also meeting with infrastructure firms interested in Auckland's development as well as visiting sites relevant to transport orientated development. IMSB Chair David Taipari, Te Puni Kokiri CE Marty Rogers and ATEED CE Nick Hill are also in Japan for meetings, though this is not a Mayoral delegation.	Japan
13 Aug	Auckland Council best practice roundtable on Resilience with Layla M. Kilolu from Honolulu's Department of Urban and Regional Planning.	Auckland
15 and 21 Aug	Auckland Council visit by student delegations from our Japanese partner cities Shinagawa, Kakogawa and Utsunomiya (Auckland high schools are responsible for hosting the exchanges).	Auckland
20 Aug	New Taipei City Deputy Mayor and Trade Mission will visit Auckland focusing on innovation and sustainability.	Auckland
21-23 Aug	Official visit by President of Poland, HE Andrzej Duda including a State Function at Government House Auckland.	Auckland
29 Aug	US Consul General, Katelyn Choe will meet with Chief of Strategy, Jim Quinn	Auckland

Key Activity – July 2018

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

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
5 July	GPS attended a briefing on the 'Pacific Reset' by MFAT Director Pacific Connections, Georgina Roberts and Unit Manager Trade & Economic, Pacific Regional Division, Tessa Te Mata, and NZTE Market Manager Australia Pacific, Scott James.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased understanding of the Pacific Reset, which includes a significant increase in funding (\$714 million over the next four years) targeted towards: climate change; inclusive development and values issues. GPS is exploring how Auckland Council can align its contribution with the reset given the city's unique role in the Pacific.
11 July	New Consul General of Japan Mr. Minoru Kikuchi called on Mayor Goff.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the strong Auckland-Japan relationship and opportunities around CPTPP and Mayor Goff's visit to Japan.

11-24 July	Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School students participated in the 30 th Asia Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) – a 30-year-old initiative by our partner city Fukuoka, Japan.	Fukuoka Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland students connected with children across the Asia Pacific region to share and learn about their cultures. Commemoration of the 30th anniversary of APCC.
25-29 July	Representatives from China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism visited Auckland to investigate potential sites for the establishment of a China Cultural Centre.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The delegation viewed two potential sites and will submit their preferred recommendation to Beijing. The maintenance of friendly relationships with the Chinese diplomatic core in Auckland.
25 July	Beijing Sister City Youth Camp	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three members of Auckland Council's Youth Advisory Panel have applied to participate in the 2018 Youth Camp in Beijing 21-27 October.
27 July	GPS met with the new Deputy Head of Mission for New Zealand to the United Arab Emirates Paul Ballantyne	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed Auckland Plan 2050 and future opportunities of UAE interest in Auckland. Discussed Auckland's role in the \$53 million NZ Government investment into the NZ Pavilion at the World Expo Dubai 2020.
29 July-4 Aug	Mayor Goff's visit to Tokyo and Fukuoka to attend the 12 th Asian Pacific Cities Summit (APCS).	Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS worked with ATEED to facilitate and brief Mayor Goff on his visit which will involve transport and housing focused site visits; meeting with the Mayors of Fukuoka, Shinagawa and Utsunomiya; attending the APCS Summit and presenting on the challenges associated with rapid urbanisation.
31 July	Japan Utsunomiya High School Student delegation visit	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for people-to-people connections with Japan.
July-Aug	Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS is assisting Development Projects Office to submit Freyberg Place and the Ellen Melville Centre as a leading example of Auckland city's inclusive urban design for the <i>Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation</i>. The entry, entitled <i>Auckland, a city with community at its heart</i>, raises Auckland's international profile and connections with China. .
July-Aug	May 2018 Select LA Investment Summit/Tripartite delegation to Los Angeles follow up	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Mayor Cashmore reported to the Governing Body.. An early outcome has been a US\$20 Million investment agreement between NZ company HMI Technologies/Ohmio with the Heshan Industrial City Management Committee to establish an Ohmio manufacturing plant for Autonomous Vehicles, and an Artificial Intelligence Transport Research Centre in Heshan, China.

Next steps

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