

Memo

5 September 2018

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 – September 2018 - Summary

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

Action: for information.

Date	Key Activity – September 2018	Location
5 September	Mr Ji Bingxuan, Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee of China and delegation to meet Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore. Mr Ji is in New Zealand as a Guest of Parliament.	Auckland
8-15 September	George Weeks, Specialist Urban Design of Auckland Design Office (ADO) is attending the 2018 Seoul Universal Design Conference at the invitation of the Seoul Metropolitan Government. He will also present to city planning officials in our partner city Busan.	Seoul & Busan, South Korea
10 September	GPS will be attending MFAT's consultations on the new 'Trade for All' trade policy agenda in Auckland.	Auckland
12-14 September	Climate Change Minister, James Shaw will meet with C40 Executive Director, Mark Watts at the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco.	San Francisco
11-12 September	His Excellency Mr. Li Xi Party Secretary of Guangdong province and 20-member delegation to meet with Mayor Goff and Auckland's China stakeholders. Li is a Guest of Government and the highest-level Chinese visitor in 2018. This is an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between Guangdong and Auckland.	Auckland
15-16 September	Guangzhou Foreign Affairs Office delegation will visit Auckland to discuss their participation in Tripartite-related activity in 2019, also to discuss opportunities to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Auckland-Guangzhou partner city relationship in 2019.	Auckland
20 September	The Netherlands Ambassador to New Zealand, H.E. Mira Woldberg to call on Mayor Goff.	Auckland

Key Activity – August 2018

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

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
29 July -4 August	Mayor Goff visited to Tokyo and Fukuoka, Japan included political, civic and business meetings and infrastructure	Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connected with Mayors from Auckland's partner cities in Japan: Shinagawa, Utsunomiya and Fukuoka. Signed a joint communique with the Mayor

	focused site visits. He also attended the 12 th Asian-Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) hosted by Fukuoka City and UN-HABITAT.		<p>of Shinagawa in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Friendship City Agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profiled Auckland's investment opportunities in transport, infrastructure, housing, hotel construction and international education. • Engaged Auckland on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and engaged in best practice exchange at APCS. • There was a focus on best practice in urban development and we are in the process of follow up.
15 August	Councillor Josephine Bartley hosted the annual students delegation from our Japanese partner cities Kakogawa & Shinagawa.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged the 25th anniversary of the Friendship City Agreement between Auckland and Shinagawa and the history of student exchanges with Kakogawa since 1991.
20 August	Deputy Mayor Cashmore hosted a courtesy call and networking event for the New Taipei City delegation led by Deputy Mayor YEH, Huey-ching.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlined Auckland's innovation priorities and planning around Smart City and sustainability. • Highlighted the indigenous linkages with Taiwan and opportunities for best practice exchange in waste management.
21 August	GPS hosted a courtesy call for a student delegation from our Japanese partner city Utsunomiya.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a minor commitment for Council and adds to the people-to-people linkages between our cities and which Japan places importance on. It acknowledges the longstanding history of student exchanges with Utsunomiya through Manurewa High School.
31 August	Pete Cunningham, Manager I&ES Procurement & Programmes presented on opportunities in Auckland to the Queensland Major Contractors Association.	Brisbane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of the pipeline of Auckland infrastructure projects. • Engaged with key businesses and industry players in Australia. • Shared procurement best practice and learnings with Brisbane City Council.
30 – 31 August	GPS facilitated the visit of the President of Tonga Youth Employment Entrepreneurship (TYEE), Lusia Latu-Jones to Auckland.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected and shared best practice and learnings with The Southern Initiative and gained greater understanding of the broader Auckland innovation strategy and ecosystem. • Commitment to on-going engagement and exploration of potential collaborations.

Next steps

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