

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 – October 2018 - Summary

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

Action: for information.

Date	Key Activity – October 2018	Location
1-4 Oct	GPS on behalf of Auckland Council's Head of Innovation will join an Aus & NZ Smart Urban Solutions Delegation to The Netherlands to partake in a Best Practice Exchange programme with the Dutch Government.	Rotterdam Netherlands
20-28 Oct	Three members of Auckland Council's Youth Advisory Panel will participate in the 2018 Beijing Sister City Youth Camp focused on 'Volunteerism and international cooperation.	Beijing China
27-28 Oct	2018 Taiwan Day event	Auckland

Key Activity – September 2018

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

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
5 Sept	Mr Ji Bingxuan, Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee of China and delegation met with Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore. Mr Ji was in New Zealand as a Guest of Parliament.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of the relationship with high level Chinese dignitaries is itself an outcome. Highlighted 2019 as the China-NZ Year of Tourism
10 Sept	GPS attended MFAT's consultations on the new 'Trade for All' trade policy agenda.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted issues for Council primarily in Government Procurement policy and trade agreements starting to align with international environmental/ labour commitments.
11-12 Sept	Mr LI Xi, Party Secretary of Guangdong Province and delegation met with Mayor Goff, Councillors and key China stakeholders. LI was a Guest of Government and the most senior Chinese official to visit NZ in 2018. LI's Auckland engagement included site visits to the Maurice Wilkins Centre, GridAKL and Fisher & Paykel	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of the relationship with high level Chinese dignitaries is itself an outcome. Reinforced the strong connections between Guangzhou, Guangdong Province and Auckland. Noted the growing Screen sector collaboration between Guangdong and NZ.

	Healthcare.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referenced investment opportunities around APEC and the Americas Cup; and discussed Guangdong's interest in learning about Auckland's Emergency Management Systems.
12-14 Sept	The Sustainability Office's Alexandra Clement-Jones joined NZ Climate Change Minister James Shaw's delegation at the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS) in San Francisco.	San Francisco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment of central/local govt on climate change and waste to a large global audience. Provided representation and reinforced Auckland's commitment in signing the C40 "Advancing Towards Zero Waste Declaration".
14 Sept	Mayor Goff met with the Consul General of Japan in Auckland.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared learnings and experience from the Japan trip. Reinforced link with Japan which is becoming an ATEED target market and potential BP exchange partner.
15-16 Sept	Guangzhou Foreign Affairs Office delegation visited Auckland to discuss 2019 Tripartite and 30th anniversary of the Auckland-Guangzhou relationship.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guangzhou will host a conference mid-2019 to celebrate the 40th and 30th anniversaries with Fukuoka and Auckland. The Guangzhou Education Bureau proposed a University Alliance with AUT. Guangzhou's sister schools Selwyn College and Owairoa School are exploring further links.
20 Sept	Newly appointed Netherlands Ambassador to New Zealand, H.E. Mira Woldberg called on Mayor Goff.	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed ongoing best practice collaboration with the Netherlands Embassy in New Zealand in infrastructure, climate change, smart cities, transport and new opportunities that may arise under the NZ-EU FTA.

Next steps

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