

# Memo

2 May 2019

To: The Mayor, Councillors, Independent Māori Statutory Board Members, Executive Leadership Team

Cc: Marguerite Delbet, GM – Democracy Services

From: International Relations Unit

**Subject: International Engagement Activity Update – May 2019 Summary**

This memo outlines the International Relations Unit (IR) and Auckland Council’s international engagement activity in May 2019. It also notes the activity outcomes in April 2019.

**Action:** For information

Date	Key Activity – May 2019	Location
1-19 May	Progress preparation for Tripartite 2019 and the 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Auckland-Guangzhou partner city relationship	Auckland
1 May	Chris Seed, new CEO of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, calls on Mayor Goff	Auckland
9 May	Study visit by Taipei City Hall official delegation	Auckland
16 May	US Consul General Katelyn Choe’s inaugural courtesy call on Mayor Goff	Auckland
16 May	NZ Tonga Business Council AGM	Auckland
<b>19-21 May</b>	<b>Tripartite 2019</b> – refer to the draft programme attached for further information	<b>Auckland</b>
20 May	Auckland-Guangzhou 30th Anniversary Celebration – opening of the exhibition: <i>Dialogue of Friendship in The Language of Colours - Artworks of Chinese Lacquer Painting Masters</i>	Auckland

**Auckland-hosted Tripartite 2019:** Planning for the event is well underway, timed to coincide with Techweek19, the largest tech-focused event in New Zealand. Auckland will welcome delegations from our Tripartite Economic Alliance partner cities Los Angeles and Guangzhou from May 19-21.

Registrations stand at 305 (on 1<sup>st</sup> May), including 95 international registrations. There will be a focus on creative story-telling, wellbeing and public innovation, health tech, Auckland’s screen sector and enabling entrepreneurship, as well as Whāriki Māori Business Network event planned in conjunction with Māori TV focusing on screen/creative.

**Key Activity - April 2019**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1-30 April	Progress Tripartite 2019 preparation (in collaboration with ATEED) and arrangements for the celebration of the 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Auckland-Guangzhou partner city relationship	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tripartite programme finalised, speakers confirmed</li> <li>• Promotional collateral for Tripartite and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary progressing</li> </ul>
7-9 April	Visit by Guangzhou Working Group in advance of Tripartite 2019 and 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations 19-21 May	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme details confirmed for the upcoming visit of Guangzhou Party Secretary ZHANG Shuofu</li> </ul>
23-25 April	Visit by Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) People's Committee and his 18 member-official delegation	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courtesy call on Mayor Goff</li> <li>• Exchanged views on common challenges HCMC and Auckland are facing including transportation, housing</li> <li>• Explored increasing opportunities of cooperation between the two cities in the sectors: education and training, innovation, food security, science and technology</li> <li>• The HCMC delegation learned transportation management experience from a site visit to AT</li> <li>• Supported city-to-city relationship building</li> </ul>
30 April	IR and Civic Events team met with British Consul General Robin Shackell (the current Dean of Auckland Consular Corps)	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated the British Consul General on Auckland Council's refreshed international relations strategy</li> <li>• Agreed to explore opportunities of collaboration with Auckland Consular Corps</li> <li>• Shared information on the British Embassy and Consulate's increasing representation in NZ which included a new Maori Engagement Strategy</li> <li>• IR to receive update on Brexit</li> </ul>

### Next steps

- The International Relations unit will provide an update on key international activity each month.
- Enquiries about the information listed above or requests for additional information or support from the team can be directed to Kimberley Wu, International Relations Manager; ([kimberley.wu@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:kimberley.wu@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) Mobile: 021 225 4035).



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# Programme

## Saturday 18 May

## Sunday 19 May

Time	Session
Saturday 18 May 6:20am	LA Deputy Mayor arrives
Saturday 18 May 3:30pm	GZ business delegation arrive
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Sunday 19 May 3:50pm	GZ political delegation arrive
6:15pm – 6:45pm	Powhiri
6:45pm – 8:30pm	Tripartite 2019 Official Welcome Event Venue: ETNZ base
7:15pm	VIPs depart for Tri-city dinner

# Programme

## Monday 20 May

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Time	Session	
7.30am	Techweek19 Launch Event	
10.00am	Morning tea	
10.30am	Opening of Tripartite 2019 – Mayor Goff, Party Secretary Zhang, Deputy Mayor Gorell	
10.45am	Keynote speaker – Brent Bushnell, CEO Two Bit Circus, LA	
11.05am	Innovation in NZ in 2040 – Vic Crone, CEO Callaghan Innovation	
11.25am	<b>Innovation Showcase – Digital Creative Storytelling</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> Sam Ramlu - Method Terry Williams-Willcock - Rush Digital Aliesha Staples - Staples VR Xiang Xi – Guangzhou Time Network Technology Brent Bushnell – Two Bit Circus <b>Moderator:</b> Noah Maffitt - ATEED  <b>Topic:</b> How to create a more enriched customer experience through blending digital tech with a visceral experience	<b>BNZ Business Matching 10 – 6pm</b>
12.00pm	<b>Innovation Showcase – Food, Technology and Wellbeing</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> Conal Smith, Kōtātā Insight Ron Hicks, HerdX (USA) LI Chuyuan – Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Holdings (GZ) Maggie Chen – Alpha Group <b>Moderator:</b> Danny Chan - ATEED  <b>Topic:</b> The role quality and provenance of people’s food and beverage has on their sense of wellbeing	



# Programme (cont'd)

## Monday 20 May



Time	Session		
12.40pm	<b>Innovation Showcase – New Trends in public/private sector data sharing</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> Matt Montgomery, Auckland Council Heidi Pease, LA Blockchain Lab Stephen Cheung, President, World Trade Centre Los Angeles LIU Bin, PCI-SUNTEK Technology, Guangzhou <b>Moderator:</b> Mark Franklin, Chair, ATEED  <b>Topic:</b> Developing an enriched customer experience through using publicly available data to create new commercial value for clients.	BNZ Business Matching	
1.15pm	Lunch in foyer		
2.30pm	<b>Healthtech Investment Showcase</b>  <b>Companies presenting:</b> Veriphi   Objective Acuity   Rex Bionics   Formus Labs   NZeno   Revolution Fibres  <b>Investors on panel:</b> Ron Hicks – HerdX (USA) HU Haibo – Infinite Capital Holding Co (GZ) Carmen Palafox – Make It in LA (USA) Peter Huynh – Qualgro (Singapore) PAN Wei – Osmunda Medical Device Service Group, (GZ) <b>MC:</b> David Downs - NZTE	<b>Enabling Entrepreneurship – Auckland youth, indigenous peoples and business</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> Gael Surgenor – Auckland Council Tania Pouwhare - He Waka E Noa Aaron McDonald – Centrality  <b>Moderator:</b> Nick Hill, CEO, ATEED	BNZ Business Matching
4.00pm	Networking event		
6.30pm	Tripartite 2019 Sister Cities Celebration Dinner – Invitation only		

# Programme Tuesday 21 May

Time	Concurrent Sessions
8.30am	<p><b>Whāriki Event / Waterfront tour (for internationals)</b>            Location : Māori TV            Hosted by BNZ and Whariki Māori Business Network</p> <p>Celebration of Māori innovation with New Zealand's most influential indigenous screen and tech businesses (at Māori Television). Six Māori digital and creative businesses to showcase.</p> <p>Waterfront tour – a guided tour of Tāmaki Makaurau's waterfront with commentary by Māori guide explaining the history of the area.</p>
8.30am	<p><b>Screen Visits / Waterfront tour (for internationals)</b>            Location: Department of Post / Digi Post            Site visits to Department of Post and Digi Post.</p> <p>Waterfront tour – a guided tour of Tāmaki Makaurau's waterfront with commentary by Māori guide explaining the history of the area.</p>
8.30am	<p><b>Fireside chat with international presenters (local companies)</b>            Location: Hatchbox, The Grid</p>
12.00pm – 1.30pm	Farewell Lunch / opening of EMA's China Business Lounge – invitation only
1.30pm – 4.30pm	Bespoke business meetings before departure to airport