

Memo

1 July 2017

To: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors, Independent Maori Statutory Board members, Executive Leadership Team

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Subject: Global Engagement Activity Update – July 2017

Summary

This Memo outlines Auckland Council's key upcoming global engagement activity during the month of July 2017. It also notes key activity undertaken in June 2017 and outcomes achieved through this activity.

Action: for information

The following is a list of upcoming global activity facilitated by Auckland Council's Global Partnerships and Strategy (GPS) Unit:

Date	Activity	Location
4 July	Call on Mayor Phil Goff by the Ambassador of France to New Zealand HE Mrs Florence Jeanblanc-Risler	Auckland
12 July	Courtesy call on Mayor Goff by NZ Consul-General Los Angeles (designate) – Maurice Williamson	Auckland
14-25 July	Asia Pacific Children Conference - Auckland Clayton Park School delegation outbound to Fukuoka, Japan	Fukuoka
16-18 July	Visit by Mayor of Fukuoka for the Fukuoka Friendship Garden's official opening	Auckland
23 July	Official call on Mayor Goff by Lord Mayor Robert Doyle, the City of Melbourne	Auckland

Key Activity - June 2017

The following is a list of key global activity facilitated by GPS in June 2017:

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
1 June	Visit to Auckland by an official delegation from Seoul, Korea, including central and local government representatives	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best practice exchange in low carbon transformation, and urban development and planning, between the Chief Sustainability Office and counterparts
2 June	GPS met with the Deputy Head of Mission for the Netherlands Embassy to New Zealand to canvas outcomes from the Dutch Royal Trade Mission to Auckland in 2016	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcomes from Royal Trade Mission include an estimated \$3-4 million in business deals The Dutch King and Queen were impressed with Auckland's hosting and noted Auckland's transformation

8 June	Councillor Simpson and Mayor Goff attended WWI00 Commemoration Exhibition opening - Belgian Embassy	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commemorated New Zealanders' sacrifice in the Battle of Passchendaele in Flanders, Belgium
13 June	Councillor Darby met with a delegation from the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Guangdong Committee	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported engagement between Auckland and one of China's most economically developed provinces
15 June	Mayor Goff attended the welcome reception for the inaugural Sichuan Airlines flight Chengdu/Auckland	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforcement of the importance of Auckland-China relationship and its benefit to tourism
11-18 June	A GPS representative spoke at the Subnational Governments Forum in Guangdong, China	Guangdong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented to government representatives on opportunities for engagement with Auckland and Tripartite opportunities
20 June	Vice Mayor of Guangzhou, Mr YANG Jianghua ,and official delegation to Auckland	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called on Deputy Mayor Cashmore to discuss opportunities to leverage the 2017 Tripartite Summit in Guangzhou in November 8 -10 Discussed the exchange of information with NZ police on criminal activity by Chinese citizens in New Zealand
22 June	British High Commissioner to New Zealand Jonathan Sinclair called on Mayor Goff to discuss the British Lions tour and future opportunities to engage with the City of London	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland engagement on the British Lions tour clarified Opportunities to engage with the City of London on infrastructure development identified
27 June	Mayor Goff, CEO Stephen Town, and representatives from GPS attended the 2017 Tripartite Business Launch event hosted by ATEED	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The launch was attended by over 100 Auckland businesses Mayor reiterated support for the Tripartite initiative and encouraged feedback on planning for the business delegation to the Guangzhou Tripartite Summit

Next steps

- The Global Partnerships and Strategy Unit will provide an update on key global activity each month.
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