

# Memo

1 September 2017

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

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## Subject: Global Engagement Activity Update – September 2017

### Summary

The purpose of this memo is to outline Auckland Council's key upcoming global engagement activity during the month of September 2017. It also notes key activity undertaken in August 2017 and outcomes achieved through this activity.

**Action:** for information

Date	Key Activity – September 2017	Location
5 September	Third Tripartite Summit Preparation Workshop	Auckland
8 September	Visit by Shandong Advance Working Party ahead of Shandong Governor's visit	Auckland
9-10 September	Councillor Cathy Casey attending NZ Taiwan Day	Auckland
15 September	Ambassador of Mexico, HE Mr José Traslosheros Hernandez courtesy call with the Deputy Mayor and Cr Penny Hulse	Auckland
22-25 September	City of Toronto's Chief Planner, Jennifer Keesmaat visits for Auckland Conversations and undertakes an official programme	Auckland
29 September to 4 October	Councillor Wayne Walker attends 2017 International Forum on Climate Change and City Transformation, and the EcoMobility World Congress	Taiwan

### Key Activity - August 2017

The following is a list of key global activity facilitated by GPS in August 2017 and outcomes achieved:

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
1-7 August	Auckland Rugby visit to Fukuoka, Japan	Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dream Rugby Fukuoka hosted Auckland Rugby for three matches as part of the sister-city relationship</li> <li>ATEED leveraged a programme to promote international education as well as tourism partnership</li> </ul>
1 August	Minister of Trade Todd McClay call with Mayor Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed Auckland's opportunities, obligations and contribution to NZ's international trade agenda</li> </ul>
3 August	US Ambassador to NZ, HE	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed Auckland's engagement with Los Angeles and the Tripartite</li> </ul>

	Scott Brown introductory call on Mayor Goff		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The US Ambassador offered to assist on matters of significance for Auckland in relation to the US</li> </ul>
4 August	Joint Shinagawa and Utsunomiya student delegations courtesy call with Cr Cathy Casey	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged with students from Auckland's two partner cities in Japan</li> </ul>
8 August	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tripartite Summit workshop	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attracted and prepared delegates for the Mayor-led Auckland delegation to the November Tripartite Summit</li> <li>Over 50 Auckland businesses attended</li> </ul>
10 August	Newly appointed NZ Consul General in Hong Kong, Carl Worker courtesy call with Mayor Goff	Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefed Carl on Auckland's invitation to participate in Hong Kong's Sponsored Visitors Programme</li> </ul>
10 August	Mayor of the City of Kakogawa (Japan) visits Auckland for the Auckland-Kakogawa 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celebration and reinforcement of the importance of Auckland-Kakogawa long-standing partner city relationship</li> </ul>
10 August	MBIE's government procurement trade negotiator, Karen English met with Council (GPS and Procurement) about the NZ-EU FTA	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand the Government's negotiation mandate, and identify next steps for the Council's engagement</li> <li>Assisted MBIE to better understand the areas of importance for Auckland Council</li> </ul>
11 August	Cuban Ambassador to NZ, HE Mr Mario Alzugaray Introductory call on Deputy Mayor Cashmore	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explored the Ambassador's interest in Auckland's expertise and best practice on waterfront development</li> </ul>
15 August	Chairman of Fu Wah International, Mr Chiu Yung courtesy call on Mayor Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed progress of construction of Park Hyatt hotel and other planned Fu Wah investments in Auckland</li> </ul>
30 August	Deputy Mayor's meeting with Mr Mah Bow Tan, former Singapore Planning Minister	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reassured the Singaporean investor of Auckland's commitment to high quality property investment</li> </ul>
31 August	Speaker of Swedish Parliament, Mr Urban Ahlin call on Mayor Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conveyed key messages and brief on Auckland's interest in EU developments and engagement with relevant European partners.</li> </ul>

### Next steps

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