

Memorandum

1 August 2019

To: The Mayor, Councillors, Independent Māori Statutory Board Members, Executive Leadership Team
Subject: International Engagement Activity Update – August 2019 Summary
From: International Relations unit
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Purpose

To provide information on Auckland Council’s key international engagement activity managed or supported by the International Relations unit (IR).

Summary

This memo outlines the IR and Auckland Council’s key international engagement activity in August 2019. It also notes the activity outcomes in July 2019.

Upcoming activity

Date	Key Activity – August 2019	Location
1 August	Annual visit by Utsunomiya and Shinagawa student delegations hosted by Councillor Wayne Walker	Auckland
2 August	Visit by Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Treaties and Aboriginal Government, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, Canada	Auckland
5 August	Visit by the UK Labour Party's Shadow Secretary of State, Rt. Hon. Emily Thornberry MP	Auckland
7 August	Visit by Taichung City film delegation	Auckland
8 August	LA Mayoral Office and Auckland Emergency Management inaugural teleconference to discuss Emergency Preparedness Agreement	Auckland
13 August	Visit by Jeju Special Province delegation from South Korea	Auckland
14 August	Visit by Kakogawa student delegation hosted by Councillor Paul Young	Auckland
16 August	Visit by Deputy Director of Hong Kong Trade and Economic Office	Auckland
19 August	Sister Cities New Zealand Forum “Investing in Relationship”	Wellington

23 August	Visit by Utsunomiya junior high school student delegation	Auckland
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Key activity - July 2019

The following is a list of key international activities managed and/or supported by IR and outcomes achieved:

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
7-10 July	Mayor Goff attending Asia Pacific Cities Summit	Brisbane, Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented on Resilience, sustainability and city climate action in the urban century Bilateral meetings with partner cities Brisbane and Taichung Briefed by Brisbane Metro and Cross River Rail Signed 2019APCS Mayors' Accord
12 July	The first Pacific Exposition organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Paul Young attended on behalf of Auckland Council
10-12 July	Visit by the former Vice Mayor of Chongqing, Ms TAN Jialing and her delegation hosted by Councillor Chris Darby	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefed Chongqing about the "Southern Link" concept and its potential to align with China's Belt and Road initiative Best practice exchange on wastewater solution and green infrastructure development Discussion around potential engagement between Auckland and the Smart China Expo in Chongqing
12-13 July	Visit by Qingdao delegation en route to Christchurch for NZ/China Youth Leadership Summit	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforced the partner city relationship between Qingdao and Auckland Extended invitation for Auckland to attend Qingdao International Friendship Cities Import Expo
13-25 July	2019 Asia Pacific Children's Convention (over 300 Junior Ambassadors attended)	Fukuoka, Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four Junior Ambassadors from Glen Eden Intermediate School successfully represented Auckland Support Auckland-Fukuoka partner city relationship
26 July	IR attended New Zealand Core Cities workshop (Auckland, Tauranga, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin)	Wellington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best practice sharing on international strategy and engagement Agreement on ongoing communication and collaboration (including the NZ-China Mayoral Forum in 2020)

Next steps

- The IR 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 Mobile: 021 225 4035).