

# Memo

4 July 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 – July 2019 Summary**

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

**Action:** For information

Date	Key Activity – July 2019	Location
7-10 July	Mayor Goff attending Asia Pacific Cities Summit	Brisbane, Australia
12 July	The first Pacific Exposition organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia	Auckland
10-12 July	Visit by the former Vice Mayor of Chongqing, Ms TAN Jialing and her delegation	Auckland
12-13 July	Visit by Qingdao delegation en route to Christchurch for NZ/China Youth Leadership Summit	Auckland
13-25 July	2019 Asia Pacific Children’s Convention	Fukuoka, Japan

**Key Activity - June 2019**

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

Date	Activity	Location	Outcome
4 June	NZ Ambassador-designate to Tokyo Hamish Cooper called on Mayor Goff	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared highlights and outcomes from the Mayor’s trip to Japan in 2018 and follow-up activities in Auckland</li> <li>Shared the Head of Mission’s priorities and opportunities to work with Auckland</li> </ul>
3-7 June	ATEED/BNZ Tech Business Mission	Los Angeles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful mission with 14 business delegates representing 11 companies attending Select LA and participating in the business programme</li> </ul>
10 June	The US APEC Senior Official and Assistant Department Secretary for SEA meeting with	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ATEED briefing and exchange on America Cup 36<sup>th</sup> and APEC</li> <li>Briefing on and tour of the Auckland Film Studio</li> </ul>

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10-14 June	IR Manager participated in the NZ-Korea Next-generation leader programme	Seoul, South Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established connections with the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Unification and the Korean National Assembly</li> <li>Information exchange through meetings with the NZ Ambassador to Seoul and Embassy representatives</li> <li>Enhanced understanding of the Korean political, economic and cultural developments</li> </ul>
25 June	Mayor Goff and IR attended the Building Southern Link (China-New Zealand- Latin America) Conference	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor Goff made closing remarks at the Conference</li> <li>Discussed opportunities for Auckland to participate in the Southern Link initiative</li> <li>Networked with key international stakeholders</li> </ul>
27 June	Asia Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) 2019 - Auckland orientation	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided pre-departure briefing for the four Junior Ambassadors and their parents for the APCC in Fukuoka (13-25 July)</li> <li>Promoted Auckland Council's function in leveraging our partner city relationships for community engagement</li> </ul>
June - ongoing	Planning for the 2019 Beijing Sister City Youth Camp, 20-26 October	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoted learning and development opportunities for Auckland Council staff</li> <li>Sought EOIs from interested council staff aged 18-25, and 30 EOIs were received</li> <li>Final selection of 3 participants to be made by mid-July</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).