

Urgent



Business delegation to Hong Kong March 2010

The Hong Kong New Zealand Business Association is proposing to organise a business delegation to Hong Kong late March to support Trade Minister Tim Groser as he signs the NZ-HK Closer Economic Partnership (CEP).

Only the second free trade agreement to be signed by Hong Kong (after the CEPA with the Mainland) this agreement is an endorsement of the healthy trading relationship between the two countries.

We invite you to register your expressions of interest urgently via hk@hongkong.org.nz, or by telephoning the Secretariat on (+64 9) 307 1216. This will not form a commitment to travel. Once we have your interest we shall email you a questionnaire seeking preferences, or you may pre-empt that by including in your reply now.

Proposed package: airfares, accommodation and on ground transport \$TBA, but the best we can get through our relationships

Proposed itinerary:

March 21: Group attending Filmart, HAF and Delf (March 22-25) to depart.

Filmart is Asia's foremost, film, TV and digital entertainment industry event. DELF is the Digital Entertainment Leadership Forum, which focused on Wellington as a global leader in this space last year. It is organised by the NZ resident

March 24: Remainder of group depart

March 25 and 26: Depending on group make up the proposal is to visit Ports/logistics, a distribution warehouse/centre, a major bank for discussion on HK accounts, a major new mall for discussion about retailing, a NZ –HK company that specialises in IT deployment, a NZ company expanding a coffee chain.... we will try and satisfy requests.

March 27 & 28: HK Sevens Rugby or weekend at leisure to meet business colleagues, friends and family, explore (maybe Macau), shop and/or rest. Accommodation arranged for you or by yourself.

March 29: Morning visit to Cyberport and Seperex at HK Science Park with Minister's group, lunch (tba), IHK and HKTDC combined roundtable forum on HK's position in economic region, official signing ceremony (5pm) followed by official CEP reception (6.30pm)

March 30: Visit to HK Stock Exchange or monetary fund (tba), lunch hosted by NZCCHK at HK Foreign Correspondents Club, visit to Sha Tin Raceway meet NZ contacts (tbc), NZ Wine Industry function (7pm)

March 31: Depart HK, or independent arrangements from here.