

Report to Parliament

Trade Mission to China and Japan

27 September to 4 October 2015



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Premier of Queensland and
Minister for the Arts**

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Program

Premier's International Business Mission to China and Japan 27 September 2015 to 4 October 2015

Time in bold indicates local time

Time in normal font indicates Brisbane time

Time Differences

Hong Kong	2 hours behind Brisbane
Beijing	2 hours behind Brisbane
Shanghai	2 hours behind Brisbane
Tokyo	1 hour behind Brisbane

Saturday 26 September 2015 – Brisbane	
10:50pm	Check in at Brisbane International Airport

Sunday 27 September 2015 – Brisbane/Hong Kong/Beijing	
00:50am 2:50am	Depart Brisbane for Hong Kong Cathay Pacific Flight CX0156 Travel time: 8hrs 45mins
7.35am 9.35am	Arrive Hong Kong Terminal 1
9:00am 11:00am	Depart Hong Kong (Terminal 1) for Beijing Cathay Pacific Flight CX0390 Travel time: 3hrs 20mins
12:20pm 2:20pm	Arrive Beijing Capital International Airport Terminal 3 Met by the Australian Deputy Head of Mission and Commissioner Zijian Zhang at the VIP room
12:45pm 2:45pm	Transfer to Hotel by car Travel time: 1hr (dependent on traffic)
1:45pm 3:45pm	Check in at The St Regis Hotel Beijing 21 Jianguomenwai St, Chaoyang, Beijing
1:45pm – 2:30pm 3:45pm – 4:30pm	Office Liaison Time
2:30pm – 2:55pm 4:30pm – 4:55pm	Travel to the Forbidden City

Sunday 27 September 2015 – Brisbane/Hong Kong/Beijing	
3:00pm – 4:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm	Tour of the Forbidden City
4:00pm – 4:20pm 6:00pm – 6:20pm	Travel to the Beijing Silk Market Travel time: 20mins (dependent on traffic)
4:20pm – 5:30pm 6:20pm – 7:30pm	Tour of the Silk Market
5:30pm – 5:45pm 7:30pm – 7:45pm	Return to hotel by car Travel time: 10mins (dependent on traffic)
5:45pm – 6:00pm 7:45pm – 8:00pm	Office Liaison Time
7:00pm – 7:30pm 9:00pm – 9:30pm	Travel to dinner by car
7:30pm onwards 9:30pm onwards	Dinner
overnight	The St Regis Hotel

Monday 28 September 2015 – Beijing	
7:00am – 7:30am 9:00am – 9:30am	Briefing and Liaison time Venue: Lounge, Executive Floor, St Regis Hotel
7:30am - 8:30am 9:30am – 10:30am	Breakfast meeting with Australia’s Deputy Head of Mission to China Venue: Garden Court, Level 1, The St Regis Hotel
8:30am – 8:45am 10:30am – 10:45am	Briefing time Venue: Lounge, Executive Floor, St Regis Hotel
8:45am – 9:30am 10:45am – 11:30am	Travel to next meeting by car Travel Time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
9:30am – 10.30am 11:30am – 12:30pm	Meeting with Wanda Group - Mr Wang Jianlin, Chairman Venue: Wanda Plaza, No 93 Jianguo Road, Chaoyang District
10:30am – 11:00am 12.30pm – 1:00pm	Travel back to hotel by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)

Monday 28 September 2015 – Beijing	
11:00am – 11:45am 1:00pm – 1:45pm	Office Liaison Time
11:45am – 12:15pm 1:45pm – 2:15pm	Interview by Shandong Television Station Venue: VIP Room, Level 2, Club Wing, St Regis Hotel
12:30pm – 2:00pm 2:30pm – 4:00pm	Queensland Government Lunch Reception focusing on investment attraction Venue: Statesman Hall, Level 2, Club Wing, St Regis Hotel
2:00pm – 2:10pm 4:00pm – 4:10pm	Briefing time Venue: Lounge, Executive Floor, St Regis Hotel
2:10pm – 3:00pm 4:10pm – 5:00pm	Travel to next meeting by car Travel time: 50mins (dependent on traffic)
3:00pm – 3:45pm 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Meeting with Minister for Science & Technology, the Hon Mr Wan Gang Venue: 15B, Fuxing Road
4:00pm – 4:45pm 6:00pm – 6:45pm	Travel to South Beijing Railway Station by car Travel time: 45mins (dependent on traffic)
4:45pm 6:45pm	Arrive South Beijing Railway Station
5:15pm 7:15pm	Depart Beijing for Shanghai Train No: G153 Travel Time: 5hrs 36mins
10:51pm 00:51am (Tues)	Arrive Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station Met by Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office (SFAO) at VIP Room
11:20pm 1:20am (Tues)	Transfer to The Westin Bund Center by SFAO provided bus Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
11:50pm 1:50am (Tues)	Arrive The Westin Bund Center Bund Center, 88 Henan Central Road, Shanghai, Shanghai 20002
Overnight	The Westin Bund Center

Tuesday 29 September 2015 – Shanghai	
Before 9:15am Before 11:15am	Briefing and Liaison Time
9:15am 11:15am	Travel to next meeting by car Travel time: 45mins (dependent on traffic)
10:00am – 11:00am 12:00noon – 1:00pm	Meeting with China Eastern Airlines Venue: China Eastern Head Office, 4 th floor meeting room, 88 Kong Gang No. 3 Road, Shanghai
11:00am – 11:45am 1:00pm – 1:45pm	Return to hotel by car Travel time: 45mins (dependent on traffic)
11:45am 1:45pm	Office Liaison Time
12:00noon – 1:30pm 2:00pm – 3:30pm	Queensland Government Lunch Reception focusing on investment attraction Venue: Diamond Ballroom II & III, Level 3, The Westin Bund Center
1:30pm – 2:00pm 3:30pm – 4:00pm	Briefing time
2:00pm – 2:30pm 4:00pm – 4:30pm	Travel to next event by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
2:30pm – 3:45pm 4:30pm – 5:45pm	Premier cooks Queensland beef - Taste of Queensland Venue: City SuperLife Culture Club, LG1, IAPM Mall, 999 Middle Huai Hai Road, Shanghai
3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:45pm – 6:15pm	Return to hotel by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
4:15pm – 5:00pm 6:15pm – 7:00pm	Office Liaison Time
5:00pm 7:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm – 8:00pm 9:30pm – 10:00pm	Return to hotel by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
Overnight	The Westin Bund Center

Wednesday 30 September – Shanghai/Tokyo	
Before 7:30am Before 9:30am	Briefing and Liaison time
7:30am – 9:00am 9:30am – 11:00am	AustCham Shanghai Networking Breakfast Venue: Diamond Ballroom I, Level 3, The Westin Bund Center
9:00am - 10:00am 11:00am – 12:00noon	Briefing time
10:00am - 10:55am 12:00 noon – 12:55pm	Premier to host a “Friends of Qld” Morning Tea function focused on higher education promotion. Venue: Diamond Ballroom II & III, Level 3, The Westin Bund Center
10:55am – 11:10am 12:55pm – 1:10pm	Hotel check out
11:10am – 11:30am 1:10pm – 1:30pm	Travel to next meeting by car Travel time: 20mins (dependent on traffic)
11:30am – 12:00noon 1:15pm – 2:00pm	Meeting with the Shanghai Mayor Venue: 200 People’s Avenue
12:00noon 2:00pm	Travel to Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport by car Travel time: 45mins (dependent on traffic) Lunch will be provided in the cars
12:45pm 2:45pm	Arrive Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport Terminal 1 and check in
1:50pm 3:50pm	Depart Shanghai for Tokyo All Nippon Airways Flight NH0970 Travel Time: 2hrs 50mins
5:40pm 6:40pm	Arrive Tokyo Haneda International Airport
6:40pm 7:40pm	Transfer to Hotel by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
7:10pm 8:10pm	Arrive Hotel Imperial and check in 1-1 Uchisaiwaicho 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Pm	Dinner - Own arrangements
Overnight	Hotel Imperial

Thursday 1 October 2015 – Tokyo	
Before 8:00am Before 9:00am	Briefing and liaison time
8:00am – 9:00am 9:00am – 10:00am	Breakfast meeting with Australian Ambassador to Japan Venue: Les Saisons, Mezzanine Level 2, Imperial Hotel, Uchisaiwaicho 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
9:00am – 9:15am 10:00am – 10:15am	Office Liaison Time
9:15am – 9:45am 10:15am – 10:45am Note: Official party only	Queensland Government MOU signing with Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ (BOTM) Venue:- The Salon, 5F Imperial Hotel, Uchisaiwaicho 1 chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
10:00am – 11:30am 11:00am – 12:30pm	JAEP A Agricultural Investment Seminar with Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi (BOTM) Venue:- The “Tsuru” Room 3F Imperial Hotel, Uchisaiwaicho 1 chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
11:30am – 1:15pm 12:30pm – 2:15pm	Liaison time and Lunch – own arrangements
1:15pm – 1:30pm 2:15pm – 2:30pm	Briefing time
1:30pm – 2:00pm 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Travel to next meeting by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
2:00pm – 3.30pm 3:00pm – 4.30pm	Courtesy meeting and seminar with President of Japan Oil Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC) Venue: JOGMEC Head Office, Level 17, Toranomon Twin Towers, 2-10-1 Toranomon, Minato-ku Tokyo
3:30pm – 4:30pm 4:30pm – 5:30pm	Briefing and Travel to next meeting by car Travel time: 1hr (dependent on traffic)
4:30pm – 5:30pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm	Witness the signing of Joint biomass research agreement between Asahi Brewery and QUT Venue: Asahi HQ, Asahi Head Office, 1-23-1 Azumabashi, Sumida-ku Tokyo

Thursday 1 October 2015 – Tokyo	
5:30pm – 6:30pm 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Travel to next meeting by car Travel time: 1hr (dependent on traffic)
6:30pm – 7:00pm 7:30pm – 8:00pm	Briefing time
7:00pm – 9:00pm 8:00pm – 10:00pm	Dinner meeting with JFE Steel Venue: JFE Roppongi Club, 5-12-13 Roppongi, Minato-ku Tokyo
9:00pm 10:00pm	Return to hotel by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
Overnight	Imperial Hotel

Friday 2 October 2015 – Tokyo	
Before 9:00am Before 10:00am	Briefing and Liaison Time
9:00am – 10:00am 10:00am – 11:00am	Meeting with Iwasaki Sangyo Corporation – Private Meeting Venue: The Salon, Level 5, Imperial Hotel, Uchisaiwaicho 1 chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
10:00am – 10:30am 11:00am – 11:30am	Briefing
10:30am - 11:00am 11:30am – 12:00noon	Travel to next meeting by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
11:00am – 11:30am 12:00noon – 12:30pm	Meeting with Fast Retailing (UNIQLO) Venue: Fast Retailing Head Office, 33F, Midtown Tower 9-7-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo
11:30am – 12:00noon 12:30pm – 1:00pm	Travel to next meeting by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
12:00noon – 2:00pm 1:00pm – 3:00pm	Queensland Food Promotion with Iron Chef Venue: La Rochelle (Iron Chef Restaurant), Level 1 Tokyu Chapitol Tower, 2-10-3 Nagata-cho, Tokyo

Friday 2 October 2015 – Tokyo	
2:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 4:00pm	Media interviews Venue: Iron Chef restaurant Forbes Magazine (Food and Agriculture) TV Tokyo (Food journalist) Tomorrow Magazine (Leading education journal)
3:00pm – 3:30pm 4:00pm – 4:30pm	Return to hotel by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
3:30pm – 4:50pm 4:30pm – 5:50pm	Briefing and Liaison Time
4:50pm – 5:10pm 5:50pm – 6:10pm	Travel to next meeting by car (with Australian Ambassador) Travel time: 20mins (dependent on traffic)
5:10pm – 5:30pm 6:10pm – 6:30pm	Meeting with the Chief Cabinet Secretary (Acting Prime Minister at this time) Venue: 2-3-1 Nagata cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8968 The Australian Ambassador will also attend this meeting
5:30pm – 6:00pm 6:30pm – 7:00pm	Travel to Uniqlo Ginza store by car Travel time: 30mins
6:00pm – 7:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	Site visit to Uniqlo flagship store in Ginza (at invitation of Mr Yanai, CEO)
7:00pm 8:00pm	Travel to dinner by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
7:30pm – 9:00pm 8:30pm – 10:00pm	Informal dinner with business delegates and Mr Miyasaka and Mr Tsujo (Operations Director, Uniqlo Australia) will also attend
Overnight	Imperial Hotel

Saturday 3 October 2015 – Tokyo	
Prior to 9:00am Prior to 10:00am	Briefing and Liaison time
9:00am – 9:30am 10:00am - 10:30am	Travel to the National Art Centre by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
9:30am - 10:30am 10:30am - 11:30am	Tour of National Art Centre Tokyo (NACT) Venue: National Art Centre Tokyo (NACT), 7 chome 22-7 Roppongi, Minato-ku Tokyo
10:30am-11:00am 11:30am - 12:00am	Travel to Tokyo train station by car Travel time: 30mins (dependent on traffic)
11:24am – 11:49am 12:24pm – 12:49pm	Travel by bullet train (Asama 609) to Saitama Travel time: 25mins
11:50am – 12:10pm 12:50pm – 1:10pm	Travel to lunch venue by the Mirai electric vehicle Travel time: 15mins (dependent on traffic) Note: The Premier will be collected at the train station by a member of the Saitama Government’s International Department in the Mirai electric vehicle
12.15pm – 2:00pm 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Lunch with Governor of Saitama and visit to the Musashi Ichinomiya hjkawa shrine Venue: Ichinoya 2-276 Takahanacho, Omiya-ku, Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture
2:00pm – 3:00pm 3:00pm – 4:00pm	Travel to next meeting by car Travel time: 1hr (dependent on traffic)
3:00pm – 4.30pm 4:00pm –5:30pm	Briefing and demonstration of Softbank’s personal robot “Pepper” Venue: Softbank Head Office, Level B1, Tokyo Shiodome Building, 1-9-1 Higashi-shimbashi Minato-ku Tokyo
4:30pm – 4:50pm 5:30pm – 5:50pm	Return to hotel by car Travel time: 20mins (dependent on traffic)

Saturday 3 October 2015 – Tokyo	
4:50pm 5:50pm	Office Liaison Time and Check Out
5:30pm 6:30pm	Depart for Narita International Airport by car Travel time: 1hr 30mins (dependent on traffic)
7:00pm 9:00pm	Arrive Narita International Airport Terminal 2
8:55pm 9:55pm	Tokyo (Narita) to Brisbane Qantas Flight QF0062 Travel time: 9hrs 5mins
Overnight	Transit

Sunday 4 October 2015 – Brisbane	
7:00am	Arrive Brisbane

Official Delegation Members

The Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP	Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Arts
Mr Chris Taylor	Deputy Chief of Staff, Media and Communications, Office of the Premier
Ms Carmen Meshios	Director, Support Team, Office of the Premier
Mr David Stewart	Director-General, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Zhang Zijian	Trade and Investment Commissioner – China, Trade and Investment Queensland
Mr Tak Adachi	Trade and Investment Commissioner – Japan, Trade and Investment Queensland
Mr Stephen Webb	Principal Visits and Protocol Coordinator, Protocol Queensland, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Senior Constable Michael Horosko	Queensland Police Service

Queensland Police Service/Protocol Queensland Advance Officers

Senior Constable David Richmond China only	Queensland Police Service
Sergeant Darren Carey Japan only	Queensland Police Service
Ms Stephanie Hickson Japan only	Senior Visits and Protocol Coordinator, Protocol Queensland, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Business Delegation Members - China

Mr Mark Matthews	Chief Executive Officer, Advance Cairns Limited
Councillor Bob Manning	Mayor, Cairns Regional Council
Mr Joseph O'Brien	Chief Executive, Defiance Energy
Mr Tony Gooden	Sales & Marketing Manager, Frontier International Agri
Mr Michael Johnson	Director, Kokoda Capital Group
Councillor Deirdre Comerford	Mayor, Mackay Regional Council
Mrs Vivien Ashurst	Cultural Ambassador for Mackay, Mackay Regional Council
Ms Lisa Liang	Executive Director, Queensland Food Corporation
Professor Scott Sheppard	Deputy Vice Chancellor, QUT
Councillor Jenny Hill	Mayor, Townsville City Council
Ms Patricia O'Callaghan	Chief Executive Officer, Townsville Enterprise Limited
Councillor Jennifer Whitney	Mayor, Whitsunday Regional Council

Business Delegation Members - Japan

Mr Joseph O'Brien	Chief Executive, Defiance Energy
Mr Michael Johnson	Director, Kokoda Capital Group
Councillor Deirdre Comerford	Mayor, Mackay Regional Council
Professor Scott Sheppard	Deputy Vice Chancellor, QUT
Councillor Jenny Hill	Mayor, Townsville City Council
Ms Patricia O'Callaghan	Chief Executive Officer, Townsville Enterprise Limited
Councillor Jennifer Whitney	Mayor, Whitsunday Regional Council

Breakfast Meeting with Australian Deputy Head of Mission

Date: Monday, 28 September 2015

Attendees

Mr Justin Hayhurst	Australian Deputy Head of Mission to China
Mr Lachlan Crews	Counsellor (Economics), Australian Embassy Beijing
Mr Adam Balcerak	Counsellor (Agriculture), Australian Embassy Beijing
Mr Robert Johnston	Counsellor (Immigration), Australian Embassy Beijing
Ms Susan Corbisiero	Trade Commissioner, Austrade Beijing

Meeting Summary:

- Mr Justin Hayhurst, the Australian Deputy Head of Mission to China, provided a briefing on Australia-China relations.
- The Premier and Mr Hayhurst also discussed the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA).
- The Premier gave an overview of her visit to China.

Meeting with Wanda Group

Date: Monday, 28 September 2015

Attendees

Mr Wang Jianlin

Chairman, Wanda Group

Meeting Summary:

- The Premier met with Mr Wang Jianlin, Chairman of the Wanda Group. This meeting provided the opportunity for the Premier to congratulate the Chairman on progress made to date on the Wanda-Ridong Jewel Project as well as to thank him for the continued and positive interactions between his Queensland team and the Queensland Government.
- The Premier sought an update on Wanda's investment interest in Queensland. The Premier reassured Mr Jianlin that her government welcomes foreign investment and would be happy to assist the Wanda Group wherever possible.
- Wanda Group is recognized for creating world class, iconic entertainment infrastructure. As well as their current investments, discussion was also held on how Queensland can progress its status in this field.
- With Chinese outbound tourism expected to double from approximately 100 million in 2014 to 200 million in 2020. Discussion also took place on how Queensland could be positioned as the destination of choice for Chinese travelers.
- The Premier also extended an invitation for a representative of the Wanda Group to attend the Northern Queensland Economic Summit.

Queensland Government Reception - Beijing

Date: Monday, 28 September 2015

Event Summary:

- At this event the Premier promoted Queensland as a preferred trade partner and investment destination and as a collaborative partner under *Advance Queensland*. It also provided the opportunity to reaffirm Queensland's commitment to closer and stronger business and investment linkages with China.
- The Premier was able to promote Queensland as an attractive trade and investment partner across sectors including food and agribusiness, mining and energy, education and training, tourism and infrastructure and emphasised that Queensland is open for business and welcomes trade and investment cooperation with China.
- Attendees included Chinese business executives, investors, senior government officials and the Chinese business partners of Queensland delegates.

Meeting with the Minister for Science and Technology

Date: Monday, 28 September 2015

Attendees

The Honourable Mr Wan Gang Vice Chairman of the 11th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC); and Minister of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China

Meeting Summary:

- The Premier met with the Honourable Mr Wan Gang, Minister of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China and Vice Chairman of the 11th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.
- The discussion centered on encouraging continued cooperation between China and Queensland in the area of science and innovation. The Premier also spoke about *Advance Queensland*, an investment in innovation, skills, education, business development and a start-up culture to deliver jobs now and into the future.
- The meeting provided an opportunity to reinforce the advantages of doing business in Queensland and the endless opportunities the State offers, such as a stable economy; pro-business government; and a solid growth forecast. Queensland's highly skilled workforce and abundant resources make the State an attractive investment destination.
- Queensland currently has four strategic science and technology agreements with Chinese entities: Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Chinese Satellite Surveying and Mapping Application Centre (SASMAC) and Science and Technology Commission of Shanghai Municipality (STCSM).
- The Minister and the Premier discussed renewable energy and environmentally friendly technology. The Premier also shared her experience from her visit to the United States of America in June 2015, particularly her meeting with Tesla.

Meeting with China Eastern Airlines

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2015

Attendees

Mr Shaoyong Liu	Chairman, China Eastern Airlines
Mr Dong Bo	Chief Marketing Officer, China Eastern Airlines
Mr Lu Jun	Director of Network and Revenue Department of Marketing and Sales Committee of China Eastern Airlines
Ms Yo Rong	Product and Service Department of Marketing and Sales Committee of China Eastern Airlines
Ms Grace Pan	International Director, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, Tourism and Events Queensland

Meeting Summary:

- This meeting with Mr Shaoyong Liu, the Chairman of China Eastern Airlines, provided the opportunity for the Premier to discuss the current status of China Eastern services from China to Australia and Queensland as well as further enhancing business relationships between China Eastern Airlines and Queensland.
- The Premier also encouraged China Eastern Airlines to develop and sustain more direct flights from China to Brisbane year-round as well as the possibility of China Eastern Airlines establishing more direct flights from China to Queensland year-round which would enhance Queensland's ability to attract more Chinese visitors.
- The Palaszczuk Government is committed to growing Queensland's \$23B tourism industry and has allocated an additional \$10M over three years to boost the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund to help secure more new flights in Queensland and support jobs.
- Airline access from key and emerging international markets such as China is critical to the competitiveness of the Queensland tourism industry.
- China is an increasingly important market and has grown to become Queensland's largest tourism source market in terms of visitor expenditure and second largest market by visitor numbers.
- In the year to June 2015, the Chinese source market increased by 19%, with Queensland welcoming 359,000 visitors from China who spent more than \$833M on their visits to Queensland.
- The potential to increase flights through carriers such as China Eastern will ultimately provide a boost to Queensland's tourism industry and the 131,000 jobs it sustains.

Queensland Government Reception - Shanghai

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2015

Attendees

Mr Graeme Meehan Australian Consul General, Shanghai

Event Summary:

- At this event the Premier promoted Queensland as a preferred trade partner and investment destination and as a collaborative partner under *Advance Queensland*. It also provided the opportunity to reaffirm Queensland's commitment to closer and stronger business and investment linkages with China.
- The Premier highlighted that Queensland and China share a special bond which spans decades, underpinned by a 26 year Sister State relationship with Shanghai, China's largest city.
- The Premier was able to promote Queensland as an attractive trade and investment partner across sectors including food and agribusiness, mining and energy, education and training, tourism and infrastructure and emphasised that Queensland is open for business and welcomes trade and investment cooperation with China.
- Attendees included Chinese business executives, investors, senior government officials and the Chinese business partners of Queensland delegates.

“Taste of Queensland” – Promotional Function in Shanghai

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2015

Attendees

Mr Michael Lin	Managing Director of Tender Plus China
Mr ZHAO Qixin	Master of Ceremonies (MC), Channel Young, Shanghai TV
Mr Jimmy Zhang	Head, City Super Business Unit, City Super Shanghai Limited
Mr Johnny Yang	Chef
Ms Ellen Zhang	Industry Research Manager of <i>Restaurateur</i>

Event Summary:

- This promotional event “Taste of Queensland” provided the Premier with the opportunity to promote Queensland beef through a cooking demonstration and tasting of Queensland beef which was provided by Tender Plus China and JBS.
- The Premier was also interviewed by Shanghai TV for their program “*Taste from the Journey*”. This interview will form part of a program about Australia and is planned to be televised in China in late 2015 or early 2016.
- The Premier spoke about how the Queensland beef sector is well-placed to supply growing demand with a world-class reputation for delivering clean, safe beef, thanks to dedicated producers, coordinated research, development and extension, stringent biosecurity measures, traceability systems and food safety standards.
- Queensland is a world leader in cattle production, management and technologies and has a reputation for producing safe, reliable and disease free products using excellent animal welfare standards.

Australian Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai (AustCham Shanghai) Breakfast Briefing

Date: Wednesday, 30 September 2015

Attendees

Mr Peter Arkell

Chairman, AustCham Shanghai

Various AustCham Shanghai members

Event Summary:

- The Premier thanked AustCham Shanghai and its members for their continued support to the bilateral trade and investment relationship between Queensland and Shanghai. The Premier also discussed Queensland's economic development strategy, including an overview of the *Advance Queensland* initiative.
- This event also provided the opportunity to secure ongoing support from AustCham Shanghai and its members and identify new areas for collaboration.
- The breakfast provided an update on Queensland's economic development strategy including Queensland Government's plan to expand the State's economic base by supporting the growth in knowledge-based industries.
- The Premier highlighted that the Queensland Government welcomes foreign investment and is more than happy to work with potential investors to make introductions, identify, qualify and create investment and business opportunities
- Founded in 1994, AustCham Shanghai is a not-for-profit organisation that works on behalf of Australian businesses operating in China. With over 400 members, AustCham Shanghai is the major source of news and industry-specific information for those doing business between Australia and China.
- AustCham Shanghai works to strengthen Australia-China business, government and community relationships through providing networking opportunities and disseminating relevant and industry-specific information for members.

Friends of Queensland Morning Tea Reception

Date: Wednesday, 30 September 2015

Attendees

Various "Friends of Queensland" who are based in the Shanghai area.

Event Summary:

- This event reinforced the importance of Queensland's strong bond and relationship with China, particularly through education and training. The international education and training sector is now Queensland's fourth-largest export – behind only coal, beef and tourism.
- China is now Queensland's single largest source of international students – with around 14,000 students enrolled as at the end of June 2015. They are studying courses ranging from English language, high school education and vocational training to university study and post graduate research at Queensland's world class universities. The Queensland Government is very supportive of international students and recognises their importance to the Queensland economy.
- The Premier highlighted Queensland as a highly attractive knowledge hub with research expertise in health, agriculture, environment and industrial biotechnology.
- At the research level Queensland is honoured to have some of the best from China studying at its institutions and in many cases undertaking important research with their Queensland colleagues.
- Trade and Investment Queensland works closely with Austrade, AustCham, the Australian China Alumni Association Queensland and the Australian China Youth Association to support alumni and students whether they are in Queensland or China.
- The Premier was able to promote Queensland's high quality education providers, including schools, English language colleges, vocational training institutions and universities.

Meeting with Shanghai Municipal Government

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2015

Attendees

His Excellency Mr Yang Xiong	Mayor of Shanghai
Mr Zhang Xiaosong	Director-General, Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office
Ms Shang Yuying	Director-General, Shanghai Commerce Commission
Mr Zhu Weimin	Deputy Director-General, Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office
Mr Xu Zuxin	Deputy Director-General, Shanghai Science and Technology Commission
Mr Graeme Meehan	Australian Consul General, Shanghai

Meeting Summary:

- The meeting with His Excellency Mr Yang Xiong, Mayor of Shanghai, offered the opportunity to reinforce the importance the Queensland Government places on its Sister State relationship with Shanghai which was established in May 1989.
- The Premier raised that her first visit to China was as part of a Queensland Youth visit 24 years ago and that this visit was her first visit to China as Premier.
- Mr Yang spoke of the efforts that Shanghai are putting in to the development of the pilot free trade zone which will generate more opportunities for collaborations between Queensland and Shanghai.
- The Premier indicated that Queensland hopes to enhance and promote the collaboration in the areas of science and technology innovation, bio-medicine and education between the younger generations of the two states.

Breakfast Meeting with Australian Ambassador to Japan

Date: Thursday, 1 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Bruce Miller	Australian Ambassador to Japan
Ms Leonie Muldoon	Minister (Commercial), Australian Embassy Tokyo
Mr Paul Ross	Minister-Counsellor (Agriculture), Australian Embassy Tokyo
Ms Jane Ogge-Cowan	Counsellor (Trade and Economic), Australian Embassy Tokyo
Mr Dan Stuart	First Secretary (Political), Australian Embassy Tokyo

Meeting Summary:

- Mr Bruce Miller, Australian Ambassador to Japan, provided a brief on the Japan market and economic overview including the effects of the new Abe Government in stimulating the Japanese economy out of recession.
- The historical and current investment trends into Australia and where Queensland can benefit were also discussed.
- With Japan's declining and aging population (60,000 over 100) opportunities exist in robotics (for example, assisting in agriculture) and medicine.
- There are also opportunities for agricultural know-how and innovation to be exported from Queensland to Japan.
- In education, as 50% of Japanese companies' profits are now coming from overseas, there is an opportunity to be a part of Japan's push for its younger citizens to be global citizens through overseas training and up-skilling programs.
- After a historically predominantly low risk investment portfolio, the Japanese Government has now shifted focus to high risk/higher returns in order to fund welfare systems for their aging population.
- Diversity and encouraging/supporting women back to the work place is a priority for Prime Minister Abe.

Meeting and Seminar with Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ

Date: Thursday, 1 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Takashi Morimura	Managing Officer, Group Head of Integrated Global Business Group, Deputy President, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ
Mr Go Watanabe	Managing Executive Officer & CEO, Asia & Oceania Headquarters
Mr Toru Masutani	Regional Head of Oceania, General Manager, Sydney Branch
Mr Yoshio Morishita	General Manger, Global Business Division
Mr Ichiro Makita	Chief Manager, Global Planning Division

Meeting and Event Summary:

- This meeting allowed for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (BOTM) and the Queensland Government through Trade and Investment Queensland to further invest into Queensland's resources, infrastructure, energy and agriculture/food sectors, particularly in North Queensland.
- The signing was followed by a food and agriculture focused industry seminar which was to promote further investment opportunities into the state.
- BOTM has been in Australia over 30 years and, from a historically predominately Japanese company base, the majority of their corporate customers are non-Japanese companies.
- BOTM advised they are now working with more companies in project finance with strong expertise in infrastructure. They have a team of 40 in this section, concentrating on advisory and debt raising. One of their recent advisory projects include the Royal North Shore hospital project in New South Wales.
- The Premier outlined a number of current infrastructure projects in Queensland (Stage 2 Gold Coast Light Rail) and advised that the infrastructure plan for the state will be released next year.
- BOTM's holding company Mitsubishi UFJ Trust Fund has 15% share in AMP and as such they have close ties with the company and work on both asset management and structured finance with AMP.
- BOTM expressed surprise at the recent change in Prime Minister but they hope for continued close relationship between the new Australian Prime Minister and Prime Minister Abe.
- The Premier also extended an invitation for a representative to attend the Northern Queensland Economic Summit.
- Given the MOU signing and increasing business opportunities in Queensland, BOTM could be encouraged to open a branch in Queensland in the future.

Meeting and Seminar with Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)

Date: Thursday, 1 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Hirobumi Kawano	President, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation
Mr Hajime Ikeda	Director-General, Coal Development Department
Mr Takahiro Mochizuki	Director, Coal Development Division, Coal Development Department
Mr Naotaka Adachi	Executive Director (Metals & Coal Finance and Environment Unit), Member of the Board
Mr Takashi Fukuzaki	Deputy Director-General, Coal Development Department

Meeting Summary:

- The President of Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC), Mr Kawano extended his congratulations to the Premier on her recent election. Mr Kawano also thanked the Premier for Queensland's ongoing assistance and co-operation since the signing of the MOU in September 2013.
- They also provided an overview of JOGMEC's investment strategy and assistance programs, including three projects where they are providing funding for exploration in coal projects in Queensland.
- With declining resources prices, the appetite for investment in Japan has also declined but JOGMEC believes that a long term view must be taken for resources investments to ensure a stable supply into the future.
- Thus JOGMEC sees the Premier's first visit to Japan as very timely to promote in person the attractiveness of Queensland and the importance of the long-term relationship.
- The meeting was followed by a joint seminar to promote continued investment in Queensland's greenfield and brownfield resources sector.
- The Premier also extended an invitation for a representative of JOGMEC to attend the Northern Queensland Economic Summit.

Meeting with Asahi Holdings and Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Date: Thursday, 1 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Katsuyuki Kawatsura	Executive Vice President and Representative Director of Asahi Holdings
Mr Yasuyuki Ohtake PhD	Corporate Officer, Senior General Manager, Research & Development Centre
Mr Kenji Hamada	Corporate Officer, General Manager, Corporate Strategy Section
Mr Manabu Sami PhD	General Manager, Research & Development Section
Mr Satoshi Ohara PhD	Manager, Department of Bioethanol Production Technology, Research & Development Laboratories for Sustainable Value Creation
Mr Takomi Yasuhara	General Manager, Research & Development Laboratories for Sustainable Value Creation
Professor Scott Sheppard	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development), QUT
Professor John Bell	Head of School, Chemistry, Physics and Mechanical Engineering, Science and Engineering Faculty, QUT
Associate Professor Ian O'Hara	Principal Research Scientist, Science and Engineering Faculty, Dean's Office, Centre for Tropical Crops and Biocommodities, QUT
Mr Mario Pennisi	Chairman, Life Sciences Queensland

Meeting Summary:

- Asahi has been active in Australia since 2009 and the Queensland market has the best growth rate out of Australia and as such Asahi have situated two product distribution centres in Mackay and Townsville. The Premier thanked Asahi for the contribution to job creation in Queensland.
- Mr Kawatsura advised that Asahi have further plans to utilise further technology to increase production and productivity.
- The Premier advised that the future of bio-fuels in Queensland will start with a mandate of 2%.
- Asahi experienced an initial negativity internally regarding the research over the last 10 years, but now that it is producing results with potential to change the world, it is one of Asahi's success stories.
- The Premier also witnessed the signing of a 'Letter of Intent' between Asahi Holdings and the Queensland University of Technology to further develop their collaboration on sugarcane biofuels.

Meeting with JFE Steel Corporation

Date: Thursday, 1 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Hiromu Oka	Senior Vice President, JFE Steel Corporation
Mr Akira Suzuki	Vice President, Raw Materials Purchasing, Materials and Machinery Purchasing
Mr Tetsuma Chiba	General Manager, Coal Section, Raw Material Dept II
Mr Hiroshi Daimon	General Manager, Raw Materials Dept I
Mr Scott Ada	Assistant General Manager, JFE Shoji Trade Australia

Meeting Summary:

- This visit enabled the Premier to take up Mr Oka's invitation to meet in Japan. Mr Oka extended the invitation to the Premier when he visited Brisbane on 15 July 2015 with JFE Steel Australia representatives during his first business trip to Australia as Senior Vice President.
- Mr Oka provided an overview of JFE Steel's operations and investments – JFE Steel is the biggest buyer of gas in Japan (outside of the electricity companies) and they buy from Tokyo Gas.
- The Premier acknowledged JFE's contribution to the Queensland economy and encouraged further and continued investment by JFE Steel in Queensland. JFE Steel procures over 70% of its total coal from Queensland and on a value basis the company purchases more than 5% of total exports from Queensland. JFE Steel has chosen to locate its Australian headquarters in Brisbane, unlike its competitors.
- JFE Steel sends four graduate employees to Queensland each year for language training.
- The Premier also discussed the *Advance Queensland* graduate program.
- Discussion also occurred on the utilisation of the Qantas direct flights from Brisbane to Narita for business meetings and that this direct connection is another platform on which to further strengthen the relationship between Queensland and Japan.

Meeting with Iwasaki Sangyo Corporation

Date: Friday, 2 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Yoshitaro Iwasaki	President, Iwasaki Sangyo Corporation
Ms Takaho Iwasaki	International Sales and Marketing Manager
Mr Tsukasa Kaieda	Director- General Manager, Global Business and Development Team
Mr Ryoichi Fukuba	Senior Manager, Australian Business Department

Meeting Summary:

- This meeting reaffirmed Queensland's relationship with one of Japan's major and longest standing investors in Queensland's tourism sector (Capricorn Resort Yeppoon).
- Mr Iwasaki provided an overview of further development plans for the resort in Queensland including a wagyu farm to take advantage of high demand in both Japan and China.
- There was discussion on the history of tourism in Queensland and the growth of the industry and also the importance of the industry. Queensland should not rely on just having natural beauty as for tourists now that is a given. They need the whole experience – like farming, food and overall entertainment. With the whole experience as a selling point, this will lead to much further growth in the industry and also local job creation.
- Mr Iwasaki commented on the lack of direct routes into Brisbane and also into the Central Queensland regions as well. Virgin previously flew direct but this service ended a number of years ago. The Premier stated that with the return of direct flights to Japan and more coming from China, there can be an expectation to see this increase in the future. The access to regions is a 'chicken vs egg' situation – they will only put on a service where there is attraction and can only built attraction with a service. Mr Iwasaki hopes to break this cycle with a large scale development. There was agreement on the long term vision of the tourism industry.
- There was also discussion on the potential of a casino license for the region to enable the development of an integrated resort.
- Mr Iwasaki officially accepted the invitation to attend as a speaker at the Northern Queensland Economic Summit to be held in Cairns on 4-6 November 2015.

Meeting with Fast Retailing (UNIQLO)

Date: Friday, 2 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Tadashi Yanai	Chairman, President and CEO, Fast Retailing Co Ltd
Mr Shoichi Miyazaka	CEO, UNIQLO Australia
Mr Kenji Tsuji	Operations Director, UNIQLO Australia

Meeting Summary:

- Mr Yanai provided an overview of the company philosophy and expansion plans for Uniqlo in Australia – 50 stores as soon as possible. Over the next couple of years there is further expansion planned within Queensland with the Australian market having a proven buying power and eye for quality fashion. They also see Australia as a launch pad for entry to Africa and South America.
- The Premier discussed the *Advance Queensland* graduate program and Mr Yanai indicated that he would be happy to assist with accepting graduates to his company under the program. Discussion was also held on the need for innovation and R&D.
- Mr Yanai advised that once the date for the official opening of the Indooroopilly store is known, an invitation will be sent to the Premier.
- The Premier extended an invitation to attend the Northern Queensland Economic Summit.
- The Premier also thanked Mr Yanai for the opportunity to have a guided tour of the Uniqlo flagship store in the Ginza district later that afternoon.

Queensland Food Promotion event at “La Rochelle” - Iron Chef Restaurant

Date: Friday, 2 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Hiroyuki Sakai Owner-Chef, La Rochelle (Iron Chef)

Meeting Purpose:

- The Premier thanked Chef Sakai for producing a one-off lunch that is Queensland on a plate. The lunch provided an opportunity to showcase the State’s clean, green and high quality produce at a lunch using ingredients sourced from Queensland
- The Premier also extended her thanks to the importers and the Queensland companies who have supported Queensland produce and products to enter the Japanese market.
- The Premier also extended a wish for continued support and further promotion of Queensland’s clean and green products in Japan.
- The Premier invited Chef Sakai to visit Queensland.
- The Premier thanked Japanese companies for their support of Queensland food and agribusiness and encouraged further collaboration with Queensland producers.
- The below products were donated by the Japanese importers for the lunch.

<u>Exporter</u>	<u>Importer</u>	<u>Product</u>
JBS		Meat
Stahmann Farms (Toowoomba)	Food Stuff Japan	Macadamia Nuts
Qualipac (Lockyer Valley)	Union	Broccoli
Gourmet Garden (Sunshine Coast)	Yamasan	Dried Herbs (tube)
Capilano (Richlands)	KOB	Honey
Nerada Tea (Atherton Tablelands)	KOB	Tea
Sirromet Wines (Mount Cotton)	Winetree	Wine
Taylor and Colledge (Alderly)	Sanden Shoji	Vanilla bean grind

Meeting with Japanese Government

Date: Friday, 2 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Yoshihide Suga	Minister of State, Chief Cabinet Secretary
Mr Bruce Miller	Australian Ambassador to Japan
Mr Dan Stuart	First Secretary (Political), Australian Embassy Tokyo

Meeting Summary:

- This meeting provided an opportunity to confirm Queensland's strong commitment to the broader bilateral relationship with Japan; and discuss recent developments in the Australia-Japan relationship.
- The Queensland-Japan relationship is one of strength, diversity and maturity which dates back to 1896 (when the first Japanese Consulate in Australia was opened in Townsville). Note that the Queensland Government has maintained a trade and investment office in Tokyo since 1979.
- Mr Suga said the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA) held great opportunities for both Japan and Queensland. He was committed to ensuring JAEPA was fully utilised to increase trade and investment with Australia, including Queensland.
- Mr Suga also said that Queensland was an essential partner for Japan, providing 30% of Japan's coal imports and 40% of its beef imports. Japan wanted Queensland to continue to be a stable supplier of resources, energy and agricultural products. Japan was Queensland's largest trading partner. Mr Suga requested that Queensland actively support Japanese companies that had interest in Australia, including investment companies.
- The Premier said Queensland deeply values its trade and investment relationship with Japan. Queensland would continue to be a reliable supplier to Japan, including resources and energy. Queensland was also committed to increasing the trade of agricultural products with Japan, including beef.
- Japanese and Queensland economies are highly complementary. Queensland is a safe, secure and reliable supplier to Japan of food, energy and mineral resources and a world-class centre for financial and other services. Japan is a reliable customer of Queensland resources, and Japanese investment has played a significant role in the development of the Queensland economy.
- Clean coal technology was also discussed and both Mr Suga and the Premier are keen to pursue how Queensland and Japan can work together to further promote this technology.

Tour of the National Art Centre Tokyo

Date: Saturday, 3 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Yasuo Nakajima

Chief Producer, Culture Promotions
Department, The Yomuri Shinbun

Mr Naoki Yoneda

Curator, National Art Centre Tokyo

Dr Alexandra Siddall

Counsellor (Public Affairs), Australian
Embassy Tokyo

Tour Summary:

- The Premier undertook a tour of the National Art Centre Tokyo which is one of the world's most visited galleries.
- Queensland's QAGOMA has secured the opportunity to show a QAGOMA curated collection at the National Art Centre Tokyo in 2017-18, a first for Queensland. With the QAGOMA curated collection of Gerhard Richter, often considered the world's greatest living painter, QAGOMA is expanding and promoting their brand, taking its program and IP out to the region and to the world and bringing visitors back to Queensland.
- Both Mr Makajima and Mr Yoneda indicated that they were planning to visit Brisbane in November for the 8th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art.

Lunch with the Governor of Saitama Prefecture

Date: Saturday, 3 October 2015

Attendees

His Excellency Mr Kiyoshi Ueda	Governor of Saitama Prefecture
Mr Shigeru Motoki	Speaker of the Saitama Prefectural Assembly
Mr Hiroki Suzuki	Councillor, Saitama Prefectural Assembly
Mr Yukio Yajima	Deputy Executive Director, Department of Public Services
Mr Yoshiaki Tachikawa	Executive Director, Industry and Labor Department, Saitama Prefectural Government
Mr Tsutomu Fukushima	Executive Director, Department of Public Services

Meeting Summary:

- To reinforce the Queensland Government's commitment to its Sister State Agreement with Saitama Prefecture (signed in October 1984) and to explore new avenues for further economic relationships.
- The Premier provided an outline of the *Advance Queensland* policy, including the graduate program and potential for collaboration in this area.
- Saitama provided an overview of the industry in Saitama – a hub of innovation and manufacturing with Honda research and optical lens factory and medical/cosmetics device makers all located in Saitama Prefecture.
- Saitama explained that for the 2020 Olympics there are venues for soccer, basketball, shooting and golf all situated in Saitama.
- The Governor commented that the three koalas which were received from Queensland earlier this year have now all had babies and are thriving in their new environment.
- The Governor also thanked the Premier for taking the time to ride the new bullet train and the EV "Mirai" (Toyota electric vehicle) to the lunch venue.

Meeting with Softbank

Date: Saturday, 3 October 2015

Attendees

Mr Akihiro Oshima	Vice President and Head of Global, Softbank Telecom and CEO, Softbank Telecom Singapore
Mr Yoshi Ohara	Acting Director, Carrier Business Development, 2 nd Sales Division, Global Business Division Enterprise Business Unit
Mr Kimimasa Kudo	Senior Director, 2 nd Sales Division, Global Business Division
Mr Yasu Ogawa	Manager, Sales Group 2, 2 nd Sales Division Carrier Business Department, Global Business Division
Mr Tomonaga Ogita	Manager, Planning and Strategy Section, Sales Promotion Department, Sales Promotion Division, Global Business Division Enterprise Business Unit
Mr Takeo Nakajima	Manager, BB Promotion Section, Regulatory Planning Department, Regulatory Division
Ms Tomoko Otani	BB Promotion Section, Regulatory Planning Department, Regulatory Division

Meeting Summary:

- The Premier was given a demonstration of “Pepper” personal robots. Pepper is the first personal robot in the world that can read emotions and also have emotions. Using world first technology, Pepper generates emotions by processing information from camera, touch sensors, accelerometer and other inbuilt sensors. For example, Pepper is “happy” when praised and “gets scared” when lights are dimmed.
- Launched to the public in June 2015, Pepper has been extremely popular selling out within minutes after going on sale. Following the release of the “personal” Pepper, Softbank has also released a commercial “Pepper for Biz”. Earlier this year, Mizuho Bank introduced Pepper at their flagship branch in Tokyo. Pepper entertains customers with games and multimedia and provides basic information on bank products.
- Softbank also gave a presentation of the potential uses for Pepper in homes, schools and work places.
- The Premier invited Softbank representatives to visit Queensland and meet with representatives from the Department of Education and Training.
- Softbank also proposed to proceed to a ‘non-disclosure agreement’ to further discuss potential of rolling out Pepper in Queensland.

Media – International

Premier's visit to China – China Media Clips

1. Video – Interview with the Premier of Queensland

1 October 2015, "World in Dragon Eyes", Shandong TV Station, Shandong, China

Duration: 7 mins 6 secs

Link: <http://v.iqilu.com/gjpd/lstx/2015/1001/4263682.html>

Translation of the video:

0"00 - In many people's mind, Australia is a country with lovely koala and kangaroo, beautiful Gold Coast and world heritage Great Barrier Reef. But do you know where these animals and places are located? The answer is Queensland. Our reporter has conducted an interview of the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk, Premier of Queensland, in Beijing recently.

3"24 - As one of the preferred tourism destinations to Chinese customers, Australia, especially Queensland, has attracted many Chinese visitors in recent years. According to the latest statistics, the number of Chinese visitors to Gold Coast has reached 186,000 per annum, which makes China the largest source of international visitors to Gold Coast. At present, China has regular direct / indirect flight services to Brisbane, at least one flight per day. Recently, China and Australia had launched new direct flight services between Wuhan to Gold Coast, which provides an alternative option for Chinese tourists travelling to Gold Coast other than the original ways of taking ground transportation via Brisbane.

In order to meet the growing number of tourists from China, Queensland Government has communicated with relevant department of the Australian Government in regards to providing favorable policies for Chinese visitors.

4"33 - At present, the Australian Embassy and Consulates had opened a Working Holiday Visa for Chinese young people, which gives them a unique and once-a-life-time opportunity to live in Australia and experience its culture for up to 12 months. In the meantime, Australia will also offer a 10-year multiple entry visa to Chinese citizen which is expected to be implemented next year. On 17th June, Mr Gao Hucheng, Chinese Minister of Commerce and Mr Andrew Robb, Australian Minister for Trade and Investment signed the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement in Canberra on behalf of the two governments. The FTA will provide favorable conditions to Australian's export of agri products to China such as beef, seafood, and live cattle.

5"40 - As the second largest state in Australia, Queensland not only has great advantages in traditional industry, investment, tourism, and education sectors, but also has strong capability in bio-technology.

6"17 - The cultural and people-to-people exchanges, especially the exchanges between young people of Australia and China, also helped to strengthen the relationship between the two countries. The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk had visited China as being one of the students who participated in the earliest culture exchange program with China, and was greatly benefit from that program. She encourages more collaborations in the education sector especially the exchanges of younger generation between Australia and China.

6"55 - Australia is an open and friendly country with strong economic growth. It is now an important trading partner to China, and will offer more opportunities to China in the future.

2. Yang Xiong met with the Premier of Queensland, Australia

1 October 2015, CPC News, China

Link: <http://cpc.people.com.cn/n/2015/1001/c117005-27655456.html>

Translated article:

On 30th September, Mr Yang Xiong, the Mayor of Shanghai met with the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk, the Premier of Queensland, Australia.

During the meeting, Yang Xiong remarked that China and Australia had established a long-term friendly relationships, and the signing of the China Australia Free Trade Agreement in June this year has added new vitality and opportunity to the development of bilateral economic and trade relations between the two countries. Since the establishment of the sister-state relationship between Queensland and Shanghai in 1989, the two sides had developed fruitful and successful cooperation in the areas of education, science & technology, bio-medicine and so on. Through Shanghai World Expo in 2010, the people of Shanghai had a better understanding of Australia and Queensland, and also, Brisbane's experience in post-expo development and construction provided great example and inspiration to Shanghai. At present, in accordance with the Central Government's requirements, Shanghai is putting great efforts in the development of the pilot free trade zone to further promote and facilitate trade and investment, and accelerate the reform and opening up in the financial sector. This will create good opportunity for the increase of the trade and economic cooperation between Queensland and Shanghai, and also provide a gateway for the promotion of bilateral investments by the businesses.

Meanwhile, Shanghai is speeding up the construction of a science and technology innovation center with global influence. On the basis of existing cooperation between the universities and research institutions in Queensland and Shanghai, we hope to further expand the exchanges, enhance the cooperation and achieve more outcomes in scientific and technological innovations.

The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk said Queensland and Shanghai has enjoyed a long history of friendly relations, and we attach great importance to this relationship and actively implement the cooperation and exchanges under the sister-state memorandum with Shanghai. On next step, we hope to enhance the friendly exchanges between the young people of the two sides, further promote the collaboration in the areas of science and technology innovation, bio-medicine, education and etc.

Mr Graeme Meehan, Australian Consul General in Shanghai attended the meeting as well.

3. Video – Shanghai Mayor Yang Xiong met with the Premier of Queensland

30 September 2015, Daily News Report, Shanghai Television Station

Duration: 44 secs

Link: http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XMTM0ODqxNTgyNA==.html

Translation of the video:

Mr Yang Xiong, the Mayor of Shanghai met with the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk, the Premier of Queensland, Australia today.

Mr Yang said that in accordance with the Central Government's requirements, Shanghai currently is putting great efforts in the development of the pilot free trade zone which will generate more opportunities for the collaborations between Queensland and Shanghai.

Meanwhile, Shanghai is speeding up the construction of a science and technology innovation center with global influence. On the basis of existing cooperation between the universities and research institutions between the two sides, Shanghai hope to further expand the exchanges, enhance the cooperation and achieve more outcomes in scientific and technological innovations.

The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk said Queensland Government attaches great importance to the relationship with Shanghai and actively implement the cooperation and exchanges under the sister-state memorandum. On next step, Queensland hopes to enhance the friendly exchanges between the younger generation of the two sides, further promote the collaboration in the areas of science and technology innovation, bio-medicine, education and etc.

Mr Graeme Meehan, Australian Consul General in Shanghai attended the meeting as well.

4. Wan Gang, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) met with the Premier of Queensland

28 September 2015, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

Link: <http://www.cpaffc.org.cn/content/details4-68965.html>

Translated article:

As invited by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk, the Premier of Queensland paid a visit to China from 27-30 September. On 28th Sept afternoon, Mr Wan Gang, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) met with Ms Palaszczuk in Beijing.

Vice Chairman Wan Gang said that the Chinese government attaches importance to strengthening the Sino-Australian relations and there has been frequent high-level exchanges and fruitful and successful cooperation in various sectors between the two countries. In June this year, China and Australia signed the free trade agreement which set a new milestone for the bilateral trade and economic cooperation. We hope the Queensland government continue to play an active role in the promotion of the collaboration between Australia and China in the areas of economic and trade, energy and resources, hi-tech, cultural exchanges and local government exchanges.

The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk said that China is Queensland's largest trading partner. The Queensland government will continue to support the expansion of the cooperation with China in trade and investment, science and technology, culture, tourism, and etc.

Mr Xie Yuan, Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries also attended the meeting.

Premier's visit to Japan – Japan Media Clips

1. First visit by Premier of Queensland

Saitama Newspaper – Monday, 5 October 2015

The Premier of Queensland, our sister state in Australia, Annastacia Palaszczuk MP visited Saitama Prefecture and met with Governor Ueda for talks on the 3rd of October. This is her first visit to Saitama and is aimed at deepening economic relationships and strengthen educational partnerships.

The Premier came to the meeting venue in Toyota's fuel cell automobile "MIRAI". The Premier advised they are putting a lot of focus on innovation and would like to see the introduction of automobiles using advanced technology as this into Queensland.

Governor Ueda showed his appreciation for the short term study abroad programme was started last year and which he has been advised "gives high school students a great experience". The Governor also reported that koalas sent from Queensland last year gave birth to two babies.

The Queensland Government marked the 30th anniversary of the sister-state relationship with Saitama Prefecture last year, and during the Governors visit to Queensland released a joint statement to promote the strengthening bilateral relations in tourism and trade.

2. Investment into coal...

Nikkan Newspaper – 6 October 2015

By way of introduction, the Premier of Queensland the Hon Annastacia Palaszczuk MP stated "Twenty years ago, I was an advisor on coal to the then Federal Minister. My father was a previous Natural Resources Minister"

The Premier has visited Japan to promote trade and investment. "Our exports in 2014-15 were A\$19 Billion and 22% of that was to Japan."

She "called" (word play on "coal") out to investors "We have a long history of exporting the world's best coal. I would like to further strengthen our relationship with Japan. Our door is always open"

3. Seminar to commemorate The Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland's first visit to Japan

JOGMEC – Metal Sangyo news release

The Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland, visited Japan with a business delegation and representatives from regional entities, for the first time since she was sworn in as Premier of Queensland on 14 February 2015.

To commemorate the Premier's visit, JOGMEC held a special seminar which was attended by representatives of Japanese companies that are involved in Queensland resources industry. This seminar is based on the MOU between the Queensland government and JOGMEC for a comprehensive and strategic partnership.

President Kawano firstly gave an address of welcome and gave an overview of outcomes from the last 2 years since signing this MOU. In his presentation, he stated that despite the decline in resources prices which has affected Japanese companies outlook for investment

in Queensland, JOGMEC has signed 3 joint venture agreements with local resources companies and also held 6 investment promotion seminars, both in Tokyo and Brisbane.

The Premier then gave a speech outlining her resources policies. The Premier spoke of the continuing importance of the resources trading relationship, centered around coal, with Japan to Queensland and also reported that since coming to office in February, the government has been working on fundamental review to further streamline resources policies, with the “innovative resources tenures framework” and “My Mines Online” as examples. She further spoke about the importance of finding balance between landholders and environmental protection for resource developments. This was followed by a Q &A and networking session.

JOGMEC intends to develop further resource business with Queensland, a state which is rich in not only coal but natural gas and metals resources and also promote further investment into the state by Japanese companies.

4. Site visit by the Queensland Premier

Nikkan Newspaper – 3 October 2015

The Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Arts, The Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, on a mission to Japan to further deepen relationships with industry, visited the Softbank Headquarters and undertook a demonstration with “Pepper”.

The visit was arranged through the Queensland Government’s Tokyo office (A BBA Member), with whom we have previously worked with to arrange a site visit (to QLD) and exchange ideas on gaming industry, and was undertaken as robotics industry site visit.

Queensland puts a strong focus on the development of game and digital image industry development and has a strong interest in robotics in order to further develop innovative knowledge intensive industries using ICT.

Apart from the demonstration of Pepper, there was a presentation on the applications in education and tourism for humanoid robots, which was followed by general discussion.

5. Business Alliance with Queensland

BMTU – 1 October 2015

The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (Chairman: Nobuyuki Hirano) announced today that it has entered into a business alliance agreement with Queensland Government.

The economy of Queensland is one of the fastest growing economies within Australia. Strong economic growth, together with sustained industry and a rise in population is to achieve a steady growth.

The Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA) has been a landmark agreement set to strengthen ties with both Japanese and Australian market.

BTMU has been present in Australia in 1985, and a variety of financial services have been provided for customers in Australia through years. The signing of the MOU between BTMU and Queensland Government will contribute to the improvement and reinforcement for provision of information on business environment and prospective projects in Queensland, and align with support services that insure the ability to meet all of BMTU customers' needs in business development in Queensland.

6. Queensland Premier's First Visit: Talks on Resources Policy at JOGMEC Seminar

Japan Metal Daily – 2 October 2015

To commemorate the first visit to Japan of the Premier of Queensland (The Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP), the world's largest exporter of metallurgical coal, JOGMEC held a seminar where the Premier outlined policies aimed at the enhancing the competitiveness of the state's resources industry.

The Premier outlined the states resources policies. Since her inauguration in February 2015, the Premier has undertaken polices aimed at increasing the competitiveness of the state's resources industry. She spoke about how streamlining the approvals process for exploration and mining developments will lead to the further development of Queensland's resource industry. She also stressed on her desire to further strengthen the relationship with Japan.

Based on the MOU signed two years ago to strengthen their cooperative relationship, Mr. Hirobumi Kawano, President of JOGMEC committed to further supporting the exploration and development for Japanese companies in Queensland. He emphasized the importance of cooperation with Japanese companies so as to secure stably supply of coal resources.

7. QLD Premier Explains Resources Policy

Sangyo Shimbun – 2 October 2015

Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, the Premier of Queensland gave a speech and outlined her resources policy in Tokyo on the 1st of October. She explained how her government has been working since their formation in February to stream line approval processes and tenure frameworks and to utilize innovation to achieve sustainable growth in the resources sector.

As metallurgical coal makes up 60% of overall coal exports and the Japanese market accounts for 22% of the A\$19 billion total coal exports, the Premier emphasized her intention to undertake a strengthening of ties with Japan.

In the Q&A after the presentation, a Japanese steel manufacturing company asked to the Premier support prospective development projects by independent (coal) companies and stated that he has hopes that under the Premier's leadership the state will be able to both increase production and maintain a variety of coal qualities, which is one of Queensland's strengths. The Premier indicated that the Queensland government will continue to support development of coal projects and export the world's best coal and also expressed a wish to further deepen the relationship with Japan.

The premier addressed a speech at the seminar co-hosted by JOGMEC and Queensland Government Japan Office. Mr. Kawano the president of JOGMEC mentioned that they are currently supporting several Japanese firms in regards to guaranty of liabilities and investment. JOGMEC stated that will intend to continue to assist Japanese companies to develop mining projects.

8. Site visit by the Queensland Premier (BBA)

8 October 2015

The Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Arts, The Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, on a mission to Japan to further deepen relationships with industry, visited the Softbank Headquarters and undertook a demonstration with “Pepper”.

The visit was arranged through the Queensland Government’s Tokyo office (A BBA Member), with whom we have previously worked with to arrange a site visit (to QLD) and exchange ideas on gaming industry, and was undertaken as robotics industry site visit.

Queensland puts a strong focus on the development of game and digital image industry development and has a strong interest in robotics in order to further develop innovative knowledge intensive industries using ICT.

Apart from the demonstration of Pepper, there was a presentation on the applications in education and tourism for humanoid robots, which was followed by general discussion.

Media – Australia



Mackay Regional Mayor Deirdre Comerford has flown to China as part of a trade mission ...

Seven Mackay, Mackay, Seven News Mackay, Rob Brough

25 Sep 2015 6:11 PM

Duration: 0 min 46 secs • ASR AUD 364 • QLD • Australia • Trade Radio & TV • ID: M00063343747

Mackay Regional Mayor Deirdre Comerford has flown to China as part of a trade mission with Anastacia Palaszczuk, Queensland Premier. Comerford hopes to capitalise on the region's coal connection and its dual-sector university.

Audience

12,000 ALL, 6,000 MALE 16+, 6,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Deirdre Comerford, Mackay Regional Mayor



Premier meets Pepper

Sun Herald, Sydney, Regional Changes Qld, Tony Moore

27 Sep 2015

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Audience

257,630 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Advance Queensland(2),China(2),industry(1),mission(1),Queensland(1),Queensland's(2),trade(1),trading(1)



Chinese market awaits

Cairns Post, Cairns QLD, General News, Mark Matthews

07 Oct 2015

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Audience

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Keywords

Annastacia(1),Palaszczuk(1),Premier(2)



BIOFUELLING ECONOMY

Rural Weekly - Central Queensland, Rockhampton, General News, Emily Smith

09 Oct 2015

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LETTER OF INTENT ANYTHING you can do with fossil fuels, you can do with biomass.

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Audience

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Keywords

Annastacia(2),government(1),Julianne Gilbert(1),Mackay(5),Member(1),Palaszczuk(2),Premier(2),Queensland(6)



Trade routes vital in future

Daily Mercury, Mackay QLD, General News, Emily Smith

09 Oct 2015

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Audience

9,039 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Annastacia(1),Ms(3),Palaszczuk(1),Premier(1)



Targeted tourism

Townsville Bulletin, Townsville QLD, General News, Tony Raggatt

09 Oct 2015

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Premier urges focus on food, wine PREMIER Annastacia Palaszczuk has predicted a buoyant future for the state's tourism industry, with more international flights from China and Japan and the prospect of another \$1 billion tourism project investment from China's Wanda development group.

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Keywords

Annastacia(1),Curtis Pitt(1),Deputy Premier(1),Energy(1),Environment(1),Government(2),Jackie Trad(1),Kate Jones(2),Main Roads(1),Mark Bailey(1),Minister(5),Ms(6),Palaszczuk(6),Ports(1),Premier(2),Queensland(3),Steven Miles(1),Tourism(13),trade(2),Treasurer(1),Water Supply(1)



Growing opportunities

Bowen Independent, Bowen QLD, General News, Nadine O'Neill

09 Oct 2015

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Keywords

Annastacia(2),Government(2),Minister(1),Palaszczuk(2),Premier(4)



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with Mark Matthews

Chinese market awaits

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Mayor Bob Manning and I represented Cairns and Tropical North Queensland on the China leg of the mission. The mission continued on to Japan.

The focus from our region was on investment into Tropical North Queensland, identifying areas of interest and promoting areas of opportunity; and trade in goods and services, particularly in the agriculture, education and tourism sectors.

The delegation visited Beijing and Shanghai, where a number of events were hosted by the Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk showcase Queensland and the regions.

At each event, our mayor presented on the unique characteristics of Cairns and Tropical North Queensland. His presentations were always well received and led to inquiries and discussion.

There are many opportunities for our region in China and it's not just for big companies.

The Australian brand is well regarded as high quality and sound expertise, whether it be for food products or other goods and services.

A number of people I met were looking for niche food prod-

ucts that would well suit our capability in supply.

Education companies are interested in study tours in our region, some with an interest in a business attachment rather than a tourist focus.

The ageing population in China is another area of potential for training and skills development, as is youth development in team situations for the children of "one-child families".

Tourism development is another area of key interest, with companies looking for all areas of specialisation from operations management to environmental management and everything in between.

This is not a new phenomenon; it's well known, but not well exploited in our region.

Our region is well known among those we spoke to, however, a common theme was that more could be done to promote the range of opportunities in and from our region.

The key to success in any of these missions is to follow up regularly and build on the relationships developed.

Early follow up contact and a return visit to market within the next six months will ensure momentum and credibility.

What gives me great confidence is our Australian and Cairns brands are strong in the Chinese market, representing

high quality products and technical excellence and capacity in the provision of services.

There is opportunity for trade in both goods and services that matches the scale of business in our region.

The key to developing solid long-term relationships is to foster them early and continually work on the opportunities to success. Time in the market and time in market.

Developing new markets is never easy, whether it be local or international. But the rewards can certainly be significant and long lasting.

Mark Matthews is the chief executive of Advance Cairns.



OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND: The trade delegation visited Shanghai.



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LETTER OF INTENT

BIOFUELLING ECONOMY

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ANYTHING you can do with fossil fuels, you can do with biomass.

That statement from Queensland University of Technology associate professor Ian O'Hara reveals potential for the bio-commodities industry to expand, especially around sugarcane-dominated Mackay.

And at the Centre for Tropical Crops and Biocommodities pilot plant at Racecourse Mill, that potential might well be on the way to being realised.

Last week global food and beverage company Asahi Holdings and QUT signed a letter of intent to work together in bringing new sugarcane fermentation technology, patented by Asahi, to a commercial level.

"Asahi have developed this fabulous technology. It's a different technology for producing biofuels from cane," Mr O'Hara said.

"What we've been doing is helping to evaluate that technology and assessing its

potential for the sugarcane industry. If (the testing) is successful, it could result in a significant increase in sugar and ethanol yields in sugar mills in Queensland as well as globally.

"The technology is very exciting and has a lot of potential to value-add to sugarcane production."

Mr O'Hara said incorporating the technology into existing sugar mills would only require a minor

modification to the current process. While he couldn't give details on the potential it had to increase both sugar and ethanol yields, he said it was significant.

"We're looking to further develop the technology, including further trials at Mackay over next 12 months," Mr O'Hara said.

He was also encouraged by the co-operation between research, industry and government on the project, with Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Mackay Regional Council Mayor Deirdre Comerford present in Japan for the signing.

The push to develop biofuels was already in full swing at other locations

around the world.

In Brazil, Mr O'Hara said cane was grown for equal usage in sugar and biofuel production.

"Biofuels are as important as sugar in the production process (in Brazil)," he said.

"There are places in the world where people are only growing for biofuels, not for sugar."

Mr O'Hara said a Deloitte report published last year showed that if seven regionally-based bio-refineries were built, it would increase GDP by \$1.8 billion and create 6500 new full-time jobs.

"What's very important for Queensland is we continue to diversify our economy and in the process create jobs in regional Queensland," he said.



■ POTENTIAL: Productivity continues to prosper in the region.

PHOTOS: EMILY SMITH



■ RIGHT: Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, Mackay Regional Council Mayor Deirdre Comerford and Member for Mackay Julianne Gilbert tour the Wilmar BioEthanol plant at Sarina.



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Trade routes vital in future

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That's according to Whitsunday Mayor Jenny Whitney, who travelled to the two countries last week with a trade delegation including Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Mackay Mayor Deirdre Comerford.

While both countries were keen to import 'cream of the crop produce', Ms Whitney said they wanted this produce in huge quantities.

That's why she believed talks about making Abbot Point a multi-modal port were a "wonderful suggestion".

"It doesn't tie it up as being coal and coal only, it could be agriculture,

horticulture, it could be other minerals," she said.

"It's a wonderful idea."

Plans to expand the Whitsunday airport would also serve future relationships well.

"We would be looking at having tourists on top of the plane and aquaculture and horticulture underneath," Ms Whitney said.

"We are looking at a joint partner on the lease of the airport, but we would retain

a 51% ownership.

"Council will be dealing with this item on its agenda within the month I'd say."

She said the countries were also open to working with farmers to establish a cannery or packaging plant, if need be.

But she also said the countries had a lot to offer the Whitsundays, especially when it came to technology," she said.

"(We visited a business) that sells literally 300 robots a minute, the technology in Japan is amazing," she said.

"Maybe that is something that can be partnered with the innovation of our farming processes."

Ms Whitney will return to China next week for an 'Island Symposium'.



We have tourists on top of the plane and aquaculture and horticulture underneath.

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PLEASED: Whitsunday Regional Council mayor Jennifer Whitney.

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Targeted tourism

Premier urges focus on food, wine

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PREMIER Anastacia Palaszczuk has predicted a buoyant future for the state's tourism industry, with more international flights from China and Japan and the prospect of another \$1 billion tourism project investment from China's Wanda development group.

Speaking at the DestinationQ tourism forum in Townsville yesterday, Ms Palaszczuk urged the industry to put more emphasis on food and wine, saying that was what Asian travellers were seeking.

The Government funds the annual two-day conference, which has attracted 400 of the tourism industry's leaders, and yesterday had half the

ministry attending, including Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, Treasurer Curtis Pitt, Tourism Minister Kate Jones, Main Roads, Ports, Energy and Water Supply Minister Mark Bailey, Environment Minister Steven Miles and Disability Services and Seniors Minister Coralee O'Rourke.

Ms Palaszczuk said she had "very productive" discussions with representatives of China Eastern Airlines in China last week during a seven-day trade mission.

"We are working with China Eastern to expand on the existing seasonal services between Shanghai and Cairns and increase other direct flights into Queensland," she said.

Jetstar services between Wuhan and the Gold Coast, which were started last week, are expected to add \$26 million in visitor spending. Ms Palaszczuk said she had also spo-

ken with China's Wanda Group, which wanted another major project in Queensland to add to its \$1 billion Jewel project on the Gold Coast.

She said she was sending Tourism Minister Kate Jones to China next month to capitalise on the groundwork the trade mission had set.

"I think mining will continue to be a strength for us, but tourism is perfectly positioned to take up where the resources sector has left off," Ms Palaszczuk said.

She said Queensland tourism was discussed with Japanese and Chinese officials who wanted to see food and wine included in their experience.

"They want to try our seafood, they want to attend our barbecues

and they want to try our wine," Ms Palaszczuk said.

She said an emphasis on wining and dining would be included in an increased tourism advertising presence in China and Japan next year and urged the industry to think about growing tourism markets from Malaysia, South Korea and India.

Ms Jones said Townsville was sharing in a strong rebound in tourism in the state with the city enjoying a 27 per cent boost in international visitors to about 126,000 in the year to June.

Townsville Enterprise tourism manager Bridget Woods said it would press the city's case for access to the Government's Aviation Investment Fund and destination marketing funding.



Growing opportunities

HORTICULTURE | Nadine O'Neill

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Cr Whitney said meetings were held in Tokyo, Japan that focused on the Whitsunday region's horticultural sector and its agricultural industry more broadly.

She said she attended the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Agricultural Investment seminar with the

Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi, the Queensland Food Promotion Showcase with the Iron Chef, and had a number of meetings with agricultural investors and importers facilitated by Trade and Invest Queensland.

Cr Whitney said the events and meetings built on the work undertaken earlier this year which saw local growers and Bowen Chamber of Commerce representatives visit Japan to gain a better appreciation of the export opportunities to Japan, to understand the packaging and health requirements of the market, as well as its protocols placed on produce.

"Bowen and Gumlu is a high value and high quality horticultural growing area and is well

known in Japan, especially in light of the work that has been undertaken over the past 12 months by our growers. This has started a strong relationship that will grow as our trade opportunities and improved access begins

to open up our region," she said.

"We have developed a strong

relationship with Trade and Investment Commissioner of Japan Takeshi Adachi, and council will continue to welcome the interest and opportunities

that can come from Japanese investors.

"Premier Palazzczuk made it very clear that Queensland is open for business and I believe the range and diversity of the Whitsundays industries and products puts us at the forefront."

Cr Whitney said China showed a key interest in the region's tourism sector. She said the emerging potential for a transport and logistics hub with the Whitsunday Coast Airport would provide market access potential.

She said discussions also centred around the potential for the education and aquaculture sectors. The mayors from Mackay, Townsville and Cairns also attended the trade mission.

SNAPSHOT

Mayor Jennifer Whitney attended roundtable talks in Mackay this week along with business leaders from across the region, to identify regional development opportunities for North Queensland.

It was hosted by Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland Coralee O'Rourke and a wide range of big ideas were flagged. Cr Whitney raised the following projects:
Whitsunday Coast Airport

International Export Hub;
Multimodal cargo facility at Abbot Point to export products and produce;

Shore up water security by constructing the Urannah Dam and other water infrastructure.

The ideas generated will feed into the Northern Queensland Economic Summit in Cairns to be held from November 4-6 which will also be attended by international investors.



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Whitsunday Regional Council Mayor Jennifer Whitney, Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Trade and Investment Commissioner Japan Takeshi Adachi spoke about the potential for improved market access for the Bowen and Gumlu horticulture industry to Japan during the recent State Government trade mission to Japan and China.



Premier plugs in to robotic future

Sun Herald, Sydney, Regional Changes Qld, Tony Moore

27 Sep 2015

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Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk to meet robot with feelings

The Sydney News

27 Sep 2015 2:15 AM

95 words • ASR AUD 356 • Innovation - Internet • ID: 472142775

Sydney Morning Herald Saturday 26th September, 2015

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk will this week meet Pepper - the world's first robot with feelings - as she tours China and Japan to forge industry links for Labor's \$180 million Advance Queensland...

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Audience

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Keywords

Advance Queensland(1),links(1),Read(2),story(1)



Drumming up trade

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28 Sep 2015

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CAIRNS Mayor Bob Manning has joined Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk on a trade and investment mission to China and Japan. He is part of a 14member team which includes the mayors of Townsville, Whitsunday and Mackay. Ms Palaszczuk said Queensland's two-way trade with China was worth almost \$18 billion while trade with Japan exceeded \$12b. Ms Palaszczuk will visit Beijing and Shanghai before travelling to Tokyo for another three days of meetings.

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Audience

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Keywords

China(2),investment(1),Mayor(1),mayors(1),Palaszczuk(3),Queensland's(1),trade(4)



Interview with Jenny Hill, Mayor, Townsville. She is in China on a trade mission but is ...

ABC North Queensland, Townsville, Breakfast, Michael Clarke

28 Sep 2015 7:13 AM

Duration: 5 mins 40 secs • ASR AUD 697 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: W00063352319

Interview with Jenny Hill, Mayor, Townsville. She is in China on a trade mission but is extremely happy that the North Qld Cowboys are through to the NRL grand final. She watched the final at a pub in Brisbane with the CEO of Tell(*). She is with Annastacia Palaszczuk, Queensland Premier and the mayors from Mackay, Cairns and the Whitsundays in China. Hill is concerned about price gauging by airlines on tickets from North Qld to Sydney for the NRL grand final. She says the prospective new Townsville Stadium isn't just for the Cowboys but also teams like the Townsville Blackhawks, the soccer, hockey, entertainment and events. Hill recently lost a bet with Paul Pisasale, Ipswich Mayor. She says during the trip in China she has witnessed a lot of interest in Australian products and met with a woman exporting wagyu beef from Australia into China who is having a lot of success.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Hill, Mayor, Townsville



Premier tips big trade boost from mission to China and Japan

MySunshineCoast by Annastacia Palaszczuk, Queensland Premier and Mini

28 Sep 2015 10:37 AM

521 words • ASR AUD 7,433 • SAM Internet • ID: 472333420

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk leads a trade and investment mission to China and Japan – Queensland two biggest trading partners – over the next seven days.

The Mayors of Cairns, Townsville, Whitsunday and Mackay are part of the 14-strong team...

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Audience

N/A UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, N/A AV. STORY AUDIENCE

Keywords

Cairns(1),Mackay(1),Palaszczuk(5),Queensland(13),Townsville(1),urban renewal(1)



Townsville Mayor Jenny Hill is on a trade mission with Qld Premier Annastacia ...

4TO FM, Townsville, 12:00 News, Newsreader

28 Sep 2015 12:00 PM

Duration: 0 min 11 secs • ASR AUD 348 • QLD • Australia • Trade Radio & TV • ID: V00063359324

Townsville Mayor Jenny Hill is on a trade mission with Qld Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and will be spending the week in China and Japan. Palaszczuk claims she wants to generate a new wave of investment in the north.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+

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MISSIONS OF REPUTATION

Courier Mail, Brisbane, General News, Jason Tin

29 Sep 2015

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Premier in China as Newman takes aim FORMER premier Campbell Newman believes politicians are being "ripped apart" for attempting reform, while admitting his administration made decisions that were "duds politically".

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Audience

155,282 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Anastacia(2),Minister(2),Ms(2),Palaszczuk(4),Premier(6)



Our mayor on a mission

Bowen Independent, Bowen QLD, General News, Eve Reitmajer

30 Sep 2015

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WHITSUNDAY Regional Council Mayor Jennifer Whitney is visiting China and Japan this week, as part of a trade and investment mission being led by Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk. China and Japan are Queensland's two biggest trading partners.

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Audience

2,310 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Anastacia(1),government(2),Ms(1),Palaszczuk(2),premier(2)



Trade mission 'no holiday'

Whitsunday Guardian, Whitsunday QLD, General News

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WHITSUNDAY Regional Council Mayor Jennifer Whitney is in China with Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and the mayors of Cairns, Townsville and Mackay on a week-long trade and investment mission. It is the first time the Whitsundays has been invited to accompany the Premier on a trade delegation to China and Japan.

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Audience

1,609 CIRCULATION

Keywords

beef(1),business(4),China(4),Chinese(2),delegation(3),export(1),invest(1),investment(1),investors(1),Mayor(1),mayors(1),mission(3),overseas(2),Palaszczuk(3),Queensland(4),Queensland's(2),Trade(8),trading(1)



Mayor keeping busy in China and Japan

Whitsunday Times, Airlie Beach QLD, General News

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WHITSUNDAY Regional Council Mayor Jennifer Whitney is in China with Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and the mayors of Cairns, Townsville and Mackay on a week-long trade and investment mission. It is the first time the Whitsundays has been invited to accompany the Premier on a trade delegation to China and Japan. Cr Whitney flew out of the Whitsundays on Saturday afternoon and has promised she will be "working my backside off from morning until night" to establish opportunities for the region. The export of horticultural and aquacultural products, building relationships with Chinese and Japanese investors and meeting with Chinese business groups is high on Cr Whitney's list of priorities.

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Audience

7,134 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Annastacia(1),government(1),Palaszczuk(1),Premier(4)



Asian trade boost on agenda

North Queensland Register, Townsville QLD, General News

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THE Mayors of Cairns, Townsville, Whitsunday and Mackay have joined Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk on a trade and investment mission to China and Japan this week. In 2014-15, Queensland's two-way trade with China was worth almost \$18 billion, while trade with Japan exceeded \$12 billion.

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Keywords

Annastacia(2),Ms(2),Palaszczuk(4),Premier(4)



Palaszczuk signs MOU with Japanese bank

Sydney Morning Herald by Amy Remeikis

01 Oct 2015 6:03 PM

245 words • ASR AUD 4,883 • Innovation - Internet • ID: 474240368

The Queensland Government has signed an agreement with a Japanese bank, aimed at increasing that nation's investment in the state.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, in Japan as part of an Asian trade mission, signed an MOU with the Bank of Tokyo...

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Audience

456,327 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 8,329 AV. STORY AUDIENCE

Keywords

Advance Queensland(1)



Premier markets Queensland agribusiness in Japan

Queensland Government

01 Oct 2015 6:54 PM

391 words • ASR AUD 1,551 • Innovation - Internet • ID: 474277697

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk marketed Queensland's agribusiness and investment opportunities to a high level audience in Tokyo today as part of her first official visit to Japan.

Addressing an agricultural investment seminar at the Bank of Tokyo...

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Audience

N/A UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, N/A AV. STORY AUDIENCE

Keywords

Advance Queensland(3),recently(1)



Mayors to Asia

Daily Mercury, Mackay QLD, General News

02 Oct 2015

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Mayors to Asia MACKAY Mayor Deirdre Comerford and Whitsunday Mayor Jenny Whitney are two of only four mayors joining Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk on a trade and investment mission to China and Japan Queensland two biggest trading partners - over the next seven days. The trade mission will identify opportunities for both nations to invest in Queensland's roads, rail, ports and tunnels, plus purpose-built student accommodation, and also urban renewal projects, health and knowledge precincts.

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China(1),invest(1),investment(1),Mayor(2),Mayors(3),mission(2),Palaszczuk(1),Queensland(1),Queensland's(1),trade(2),trading(1)



Are we on our own?

Bowen Independent, Bowen QLD, General News, Bruce Hedditch

02 Oct 2015

Page 18 • 1046 words • ASR AUD 666 • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 402.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 474585844

I become disheartened at the lack of interest shown by all governments regarding the difficulties confronting country communities such as Bowen. Politicians of all persuasion must realise that the future of Australia does not emanate from the capital cities of Australia but from regional and rural areas of this nation.

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Keywords

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Mackay on biofuels global stage

Daily Mercury, Mackay QLD, General News, Emily Smith

03 Oct 2015

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TECHNOLOGY that should dramatically advance the global biofuels industry will be tested at Mackay's Racecourse Mill. The announcement came from Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, as she witnessed the signing of an agreement between global food and beverage giant Asahi Holdings and QUT, during her trade trip to Japan alongside Mayor Deirdre Comerford.

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Audience

10,418 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Anastacia(3),mission(1),Palaszczuk(7),Premier(6),trade(2),trip(1),US(2)



Premier's Tokyo talks

Daily Mercury, Mackay QLD, General News

03 Oct 2015

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PREMIER Annastacia Palaszczuk marketed Queensland's agribusiness and investment opportunities to a high level audience in Tokyo as part of her first official visit to Japan. Addressing an agricultural investment seminar at the Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ, Ms Palaszczuk spoke of the opportunities arising from Australia's recently-signed free trade agreement with Japan.

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agreement(1),agribusiness(1),Australia(1),free trade(1),industry(1),investment(3),Palaszczuk(2),Queensland(1),Queensland's(2),resources(1)



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Annastacia(1),Ms(1),Palaszczuk(2),PREMIER(2)



Qld govt banks deal with Japan

North West Star, Mount Isa QLD, General News

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THE Queensland government has signed an agreement with a giant Japanese bank, aimed at increasing that nation's investment in the state. Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, in Japan as part of an Asian trade mission, signed an MOU with the Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi on Thursday.

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Annastacia(1),government(2),govt(1),Ms(2),Palaszczuk(3),Premier(1),Qld(1),Queensland(3)



LOCAL NOSH KEY TO TRADE

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Brisbane, General News, Jason Tin

04 Oct 2015

Page 5 • 385 words • ASR AUD 7,669 • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 236.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 475471738

PREMIER Annastacia Palaszczuk wants to ramp up Queensland's reputation as a destination for Asian foodies, hinting more direct flights could be on the horizon. Speaking from Japan yesterday, Ms Palaszczuk told The Sunday Mail she planned to discuss her ideas for how the state can better position itself as a food tourism destination with Tourism Minister Kate Jones and Agriculture Minister Bill Byrne.

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Audience

342,381 CIRCULATION

Keywords

agriculture(3),Annastacia(1),Bill Byrne(2),government(2),Kate Jones(1),Minister(4),Ms(6),Palaszczuk(6),premier(4),Queensland(7),Tourism(2)



A GREAT CALL OF CHINA'S

Courier Mail, Brisbane, General News, Subhe Jason Tin

05 Oct 2015

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Tycoon's Queensland shopping list PREMIER Annastacia Palaszczuk has promised China's richest man the state will actively help him find job-creating developments in Queensland, which could include a new theme park.

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155,282 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Annastacia(2),Government(1),Ms(5),Palaszczuk(7),PREMIER(4)



CHINESE WHISPER

Gold Coast Bulletin, Gold Coast QLD, General News, Andrew Potts

05 Oct 2015

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China's richest man flags new theme park for Coast A multibillion-dollar resort and theme park planned for Nerang is back on the cards after Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk vowed to work with China's richest man. The Premier met Dalian Wanda Group chairman Wang Jianlin in Beijing at the weekend during the first leg of her recent trade mission to China and Japan.

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28,029 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Annastacia(1),Palaszczuk(1),Premier(2)



Big hopes of beefing up exports

Townsville Bulletin, Townsville QLD, General News, Victoria Nugent

05 Oct 2015

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PLANS for the Townsville region to supply beef and produce to China and Japan could receive a boost after a trade delegation to Asia. Mayor Jenny Hill, Townsville City Council chief executive officer Ray Burton and Townsville Enterprise chief executive officer Patricia O'Callaghan have spent the week in China and Japan on Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk's trade mission.

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Keywords

agreements(2),China(3),companies(2),delegation(1),exports(1),free trade(1),Government(1),industry(2),investors(3),Mayor(1),mission(1),Palaszczuk's(1),Queensland(3),sector(2),Townsville Enterprise(1),trade(3)



Annastacia Palaszczuk has met with Dalian Wanda Group chairman Wang Jianlin in Beijing to discuss a major new development

Daily Telegraph Australia by Jason Tin

05 Oct 2015 1:00 AM

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Ms Palaszczuk met with Dalian Wanda Group chairman Wang Jianlin in Beijing during the first leg of her recent trade mission to China and Japan. The discussion could potentially result in a major new entertainment development near Brisbane or the Gold...

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Keywords

Brisbane(2),Government(1),infrastructure(2),Palaszczuk(5),Premier(3),Queensland(4),State(3)



Chinese keen to study in Cairns

Cairns Post, Cairns QLD, General News, Nick Dalton

06 Oct 2015

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CHINESE students wanting to study at universities in Cairns have emerged as a "surprising" topic of discussion at a trade mission in China. Mayor Bob Manning and Advance Cairns chief executive Mark Matthews have returned from Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's trade mission to the world's most populated nation, focused on expanding education, food and tourism links.

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Audience

16,636 CIRCULATION

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Annastacia(1),Palaszczuk(1),Premier(1)



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Premier meets Pepper

TONY MOORE

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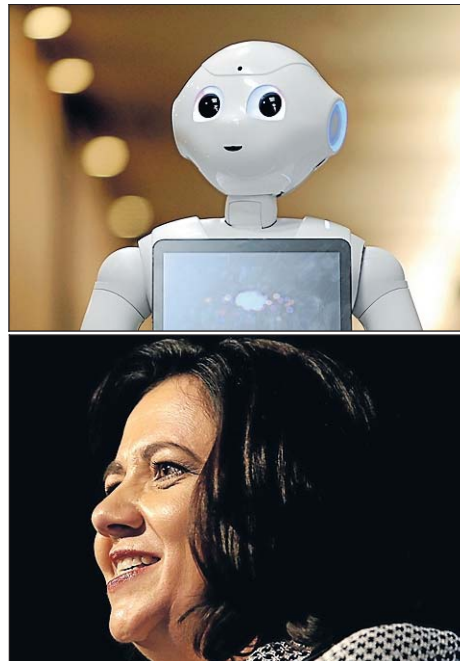
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“We must become the state that commercialises our innovations, not the state that loses jobs because of them.”

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Premier plugs in to robotic future

Embracing a brave new world:
Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk.
Photo: Michelle Smith



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Softbank’s website explains Pepper “reads” people’s words, facial expressions and the environment and is supported by hundreds of apps,

allowing it to play your favourite song if you are sad.

Pepper is also used as a store greeter by Softbank Mobile, one of Japan’s largest telecommunications companies.

“Pepper is at ease when he is around people he knows, happy when he is praised, and gets scared when the lights go down,” its website says. “Depending on the emotion at the

time, Pepper raises his voice or sighs. Pepper’s emotions can be seen on the heart display, which shows different colours and movements.

“Pepper is much more than a robot, he’s a companion able to communicate with you through the most intuitive interface we know: voice, touch and emotions.”

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our trade ties even more.”

The mayors of Cairns,
Townsville, Mackay and the
Whitsundays – keen to attract
Chinese tourists and investment to

northern and central Queensland –
are also on the seven-day trip.

Queensland also attracts 14,000
international students from China,
making it one of the state’s top
three businesses.

The trade trip – also promoting
Queensland beef and agriculture –
travels to Shanghai and Beijing
before three days in Japan.

Ms Palaszczuk has been booked
for television interviews and will
promote Queensland beef and agri-
culture working alongside top chefs
in Shanghai and Tokyo.

She will sign a memorandum of
understanding with Japan’s Bank
of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ and the
Queensland government is working
on a similar agreement with the
China Development Bank.

“I am optimistic that new trade
deals negotiated under the agree-
ment have the potential to add
\$1 billion or more each year to our
two-way trade figures,” she said.

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opportunities for both nations to
invest in Queensland’s roads, rail,
ports and tunnels.

It will examine opportunities in
purpose-built student accommoda-
tion, urban renewal projects, and
health and knowledge precincts.

New health precincts are now
being built at Southport – near the
Griffith University campus – and
near the Sunshine Coast University
Public Hospital at Kawana.





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Drumming up trade

CAIRNS Mayor Bob Manning has joined Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk on a trade and investment mission to China and Japan. He is part of a 14-member team which includes the mayors of Townsville, Whitsunday and Mackay. Ms Palaszczuk said Queensland's two-way trade with China was worth almost \$18 billion while trade with Japan exceeded \$12b. Ms Palaszczuk will visit Beijing and Shanghai before travelling to Tokyo for another three days of meetings.



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MISSIONS OF REPUTATION

Premier in China as Newman takes aim

JASON TIN

FORMER premier Campbell Newman believes politicians are being “ripped apart” for attempting reform, while admitting his administration made decisions that were “duds politically”.

As Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk continued a trade mission in China Mr Newman used an ABC 730 interview last night to take another swipe at the media to warn Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull that he could end up facing the same fates as his recent predecessors.

“The more you try and do, the more controversy, you’ll be ripped apart in this black and white environment of reporting and what masquerades as debate,” Mr

Newman said. “The message is the less you do, the less you take on vested interests, the less you want to undertake reform, the more you’ll be rewarded in the polls.”

Mr Newman, who lost his seat at the last election and led his party to defeat following a string of controversies and public battles, repeated his claim that there was a

difficult media environment and tough community “attitudes”.

“The shelf life of political leaders seems to be diminishing,” he told the ABC.

“I would venture to suggest it’s the triangulation between the attitudes of the community, the use of social media and the way politics is being reported.”

Mr Newman said the public “need to know about our leaders”, but pointed to a “territory of a quite sustained attack on those personalities” as a problem.

“I think Tony Abbott, Kevin Rudd, Julia Gillard all got a bad run.” Mr Newman, who said he was a “very popular political figure” when he

was first elected, conceded his administration made errors “politically”. “They were dud (decisions) politically but they were in the best interests of Queenslanders and that’s what we are seeking to explain.

Meanwhile, Ms Palaszczuk, who is travelling without media, will today meet a major Chinese airline operator.

The Premier’s trip to China and Japan is aimed at increasing investment in the Sunshine State and triggering a jump in trade, with Queensland’s two-way trade with China last financial year

worth close to \$18 billion. Trade with Japan topped \$12 billion in value.

Ms Palaszczuk yesterday met the Wanda Group about “tourism investment opportunities in Queensland”, hosted an investment attraction lunch and met the Minister for Science and Technology.

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PARTY FOES: Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk is promoting Queensland during a China trade missions, while former premier Campbell Newman (inset) is taking aim at his critics.



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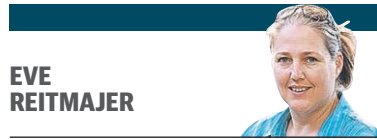
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Our mayor on a mission

WHITSUNDAY Regional Council Mayor Jennifer Whitney is visiting China and Japan this week, as part of a trade and investment mission being led by Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk.

China and Japan are Queensland's two biggest trading partners.

In 2014–15, Queensland's two-way trade with China was worth almost \$18 billion, while trade with Japan exceeded \$12 billion.

Huge as that amount is, according to Ms Palaszczuk, the mission is aiming to develop those trade ties even more, with an emphasis on agriculture, education and tourism.

It will be interesting to see what opportunities our mayor identifies for our region and reports back on, involving both of those nations.

The mayors of Cairns, Townsville and Mackay are also among the 14-strong team accompanying the premier.

Talking mayors, this week has seen the 2016 Whitsunday mayoral race open up with Andrew Willcox throwing his hat in the

ring.

Jennifer Whitney has already confirmed she will be contesting the seat again and the next six months in the lead up to the election will be interesting times as we wait and see who else puts their hand up to contest a seat — either as mayor or as one of the six councillors.

Collinsville's Peter Ramage and Bowen's Dave Clark have confirmed they will stand again.

Earlier this month Mike Bruncker put his hand up to stand for a seat as a councillor — and with Andrew Willcox running for mayor — it leaves his Queens Beach seat vacant ready for Mike's return to local government — if that is what the community desires. If you listen to the word on the street, that is exactly what they want — and they can't wait.

Bowen and Collinsville certainly need something to change.

I am looking forward to an interesting six months ahead in the lead up to our local government elections.



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Whitsunday Guardian, Whitsunday QLD

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Trade mission 'no holiday'

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"It is a tremendous opportunity for the Whitsundays to be a part of a Premier's delegation to China and Japan.

"We have got a lot to discuss and a lot of opportunities ... it's about building relationships with government and building relationships with overseas

countries."

The delegation will spend time in Beijing and Shanghai before spending three days in Japan.

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billion while trade with Japan exceeded \$12 billion.

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"Huge as that amount is, we want to develop our trade ties even more, with an emphasis on agriculture, education and tourism."

Ms Palaszczuk will visit Beijing and Shanghai before travelling to Tokyo for another three days of meetings and promotions.

Besides top-level business meetings, the Premier has been booked for television interviews and will promote Queensland beef and other produce, working alongside top chefs in Shanghai and Tokyo. The trade mission will identify opportunities for both nations to invest in Queensland's roads, rail, ports and tunnels, plus purpose-built student accommodation, and also urban renewal projects, health and knowledge precincts.

"I have a very clear and simple message – Queensland is open for business and we value doing business with them," Ms Palaszczuk said.



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Mayor keeping busy in China and Japan

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“The Premier’s schedule is very well structured to interact with our overseas friends and also great for us to be able

to network and showcase our regions,” Cr Whitney said.

“It is a tremendous opportunity for the Whitsundays to be a part of a Premier’s delegation to China and Japan.

“It’s about building relationships with government and building relationships with overseas countries.”



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Asian trade boost on agenda

THE Mayors of Cairns, Townsville, Whitsunday and Mackay have joined Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk on a trade and investment mission to China and Japan this week.

In 2014-15, Queensland's two-way trade with China was worth almost \$18 billion, while trade with Japan exceeded \$12 billion.

"That's a massive \$30 billion worth of trade in one year between Queensland and our top two trading partners," the Premier said.

"Huge as that amount is, we want to develop our trade ties even more, with an emphasis on agriculture, education and tourism."

Ms Palaszczuk will visit Beijing and Shanghai before travelling to Tokyo for another three days of meetings and promotions.

Besides top level business meetings, the Premier has been booked for television interviews and will promote Queensland beef and other produce working alongside top chefs in Shanghai and

Tokyo.

Ms Palaszczuk said Queensland was determined to generate a new wave of trade and investment opportunities with China and Japan.

"I have a very clear and simple message - Queensland is open for business and we value doing business with them.

"The Queensland Government is actively working

with the China Development Bank for the purpose of signing a new memorandum of understanding in the near future.

"And in Tokyo I will sign a memorandum of understanding with Japan's Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ.

"Anticipated economic benefits from the completed Japan-Australia Economic Partnerships Agreement and the pending Free Trade Agreement with China can't be overstated.

"I am hopeful Labor's concerns over workers' rights with the agreement can be resolved without delay, enabling us to seize the initiative and realise more growth and jobs from the unprecedented, freer access to the world's biggest market.

"I am optimistic that new trade deals negotiated under the agreement have the potential to add a billion dollars or more each year to our two-way trade figures."

The trade mission will identify opportunities to invest in roads, rail and ports.



Queensland is open for business and we value doing business with them.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk



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Mayors to Asia

MACKAY Mayor Deirdre Comerford and Whitsunday Mayor Jenny Whitney are two of only four mayors joining Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk on a trade and investment mission to China and Japan – Queensland two biggest trading partners – over the next seven days.

The trade mission will identify opportunities for both nations to invest in Queensland's roads, rail, ports and tunnels, plus purpose-built student accommodation, and also urban renewal projects, health and knowledge precincts.



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Are we on our own?

BRUCE HEDDITCH



Bowen Chamber of Commerce chairman

I become disheartened at the lack of interest shown by all governments regarding the difficulties confronting country communities such as Bowen.

Politicians of all persuasion must realise that the future of Australia does not emanate from the capital cities of Australia but from regional and rural areas of this nation.

The agricultural industry, the horticultural industry, the dairy industry, the sugar industry, the cattle industry, the seafood industry and the mining industry are all country based.

The Federal Government makes great play for Australia of the three signed "Free Trade Agreements" with Japan, South Korea and China but when you really analyse the documents the great opportunities exist for country industries.

I notice the Premier of Queensland is currently overseas on a Trade Mission and I don't begrudge that endeavour but surely the Trade and Investment Offices of Queensland based all around the world should be required to inspect country areas of Queensland such as Bowen to broaden their knowledge of what this state has to offer.

In February of this year I wrote to Premier Palaszczuk on behalf of the Chamber extending an invitation to visit Bowen but unfortunately no response has been received.

Additionally I wrote to Prime Minister Abbot back in August pointing out the difficulties confronting Bowen and strongly urging the development of water projects for Northern Australia. Unfortunately no response.

Now our own Council adopts growth figures for our future that implies we will be stagnant over the next 21 years or with very limited growth. The Council appears to have no plan other than seminars to encourage Bowen to grow.

What we need is drive, initiative and above all commitment including financial

to the private sector by all three tiers of government.

GROUNDWATER RIGHTS ERODED

Landowner and community rights of legal appeal in the Queensland Land Court against water licences for mining companies to take enormous amounts of groundwater would be lost if proposed amendments to the Water Act are approved in the Queensland parliament.

The proposed Alpha Coal Mine alone would involve taking the equivalent of 70,400 Olympic swimming pools worth of underground water.

This dewatering process is needed for a mining company to access coal deposits but can have huge and permanent negative impacts on a region's land owners, communities and the environment.

Currently mining companies have to apply to get a water licence, the application is publicly notified and then submitters (for example graziers or community groups concerned about water) have the right to appeal the decision on the water licence to the Land Court.

In late 2014 the LNP government introduced the Water Reform and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2014 (Qld) (WROLAA) which proposed to drop public rights of appeal on water licences and instead provide the mining industry with a statutory right to dewater.

ALP's Jacqui Trad then in Opposition stated the Alpha mine Queensland Land Court decision showed that mine water dewatering impacts are difficult to predict but involve major direct and permanent impacts on the groundwater relied upon by landholders and townsfolk as well as significant environmental impacts.

Removing water licence requirements seriously undermines public scrutiny of an application for a water licence and the potentially major impacts on groundwater.

That necessary input of local knowledge and independent professional expertise on impacts is

bypassed.

Even for development applications for shopping centres, our legal system provides the community with submission and appeal rights to the Planning and Environment Court for independent merit assessment.

Impacts to our precious groundwater by large scale mining activities deserve the same scrutiny against community concerns.

The current State Government has further committed to open, accountable, transparent governance.

This move is contrary to those commitments and would silence the legal rights of those concerned with impacts to groundwater in Queensland.

This resource is of inestimable value, especially to western Queenslanders facing severe droughts and where there are now fifty existing coal mines and nine massive coal mines planned.

Those concerned can contact their local MP or Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines Dr Anthony Lynham, or Minister for Environment and Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef Dr Steven Miles.

Patricia Julien, Mackay Conservation Group

SPORTS DRINKS WARNING

Queenslanders are advised to avoid sugar-sweetened sports drinks, which may be contributing to the state's burgeoning obesity epidemic.

Cancer Council warns some products may contain more than 13 teaspoons of sugar in one bottle - over twice the

recommended daily intake.

Even smaller 380ml varieties of some sports drinks have between 8 and 13.5 teaspoons of sugar, with 19 teaspoons in a one-litre bottle of one of the most popular drinks.

We believe all sugar-sweetened sports drinks should be avoided.

The World Health Organization recommends consumers limit sugar consumption to no more than six teaspoons a day for optimum health.



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Just a few sips of a sports drink could exceed that recommendation, undoing the benefits of an otherwise healthy diet and physical activity.

Of great concern, some parents buy sports drinks for their kids after a weekend game of soccer or netball, conditioning young people to crave sugar.

Weekly consumption of sports drinks can cause weight gain and increase a person's risks of chronic diseases, including some cancers.

We recommend all Queenslanders enjoy a well-balanced diet and drink eight glasses of water each day, avoiding sugar-sweetened beverages.

People who lead sedentary lifestyles and don't exercise should be particularly wary of eliminating these energy intensive sugar-laden drinks from their diet.

Regular exercise and a healthy low-sugar diet is key to maintaining health and happiness.

Cancer Council is urging all Queenslanders to stick with drinking water or unflavoured low-fat milk.

Be wary of health claims on sports drinks like 'contains vitamins' or 'quenches thirst' - check the amount of sugar on the nutrition panel and the serving size.

Avoid the sports drink aisle at the shops, and curb your consumption by cutting out impulse buying.

For more information on product formulation and sugar contents, go to rethinksugarydrink.org.au.

At least one-third of all cancers are preventable through lifestyle adjustments including eating a healthy diet, being physically active, reducing alcohol intake and maintaining a healthy weight.

More information about Cancer Council Queensland is available via 13 11 20 or cancerqld.org.au.

Katie Clift, Cancer Council Queensland spokeswoman



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Mackay on biofuels global stage

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TECHNOLOGY that should dramatically advance the global biofuels industry will be tested at Mackay's Racecourse Mill.

The announcement came from Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, as she witnessed the signing of an agreement between global food and beverage giant Asahi Holdings and QUT, during her trade trip to Japan alongside Mayor Deirdre Comerford.

She said Asahi have patented a "new, more efficient sugarcane process" that aimed to increase the yield of sugar and ethanol.

QUT have been testing a fermentation process at Racecourse Mill for the past two years.

"This is a very significant decision for Queensland's biofuels industry and has the potential to dramatically advance the take-up of biofuels from sugarcane," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"Asahi have patented a new, more efficient sugarcane process. It aims to increase the yield of both sugar and ethanol."

The Asahi-QUT agreement came on top of the interest shown by senior US Navy officials during the premier's trade mission to the US earlier this year.

Ms Palaszczuk also congratulated QUT associate professor Ian O'Hara and the centre for

tropical crops and bio-commodities.

Mr O'Hara said the aim would be to test the process on a commercial scale.

"This MoU (memorandum

of understanding) deepens our relationship with Asahi, with a view to testing this process on a commercial scale," he said.

"If successful, it could result in a significant increase in sugar and ethanol yields in sugar mills in Queensland as well as globally."

Cr Comerford said she was honoured to be present at the signing between QUT and Asahi, the largest brewery in Japan.

"I was also very proud of the project being carried out in Mackay. (This) demonstrates when brewery technology and sugar

processing techniques comes together just what can be achieved," she said.

Guest speakers

TWO world-renowned scientists and investors will share their insights on opportunities for growth industries in Mackay next month.

Dr Jaleh Daie and Dr Roger Wyse will be guest speakers at the Diversify Mackay Leadership Alliance 2nd annual Report Card Luncheon.

The pair will be in Australia as guest speakers for The Australasian Bioenergy and Bioproducts Symposium and will make a flying visit to Mackay on October 13 for the luncheon.

Cr Comerford said the DMLA was committed to identifying growth

industries and attracting new investment to our region.

Biofutures

meeting

THE push to advance the state's biofuels sector has gained momentum.

Premier Palaszczuk has locked in October 22 as the first meeting of the

Biofutures Cabinet Committee in Mackay.

The committee will aim to coordinate a "whole-of-government" effort to develop the biofuels sector in Queensland.

A spokeswoman for the premier said they chose Mackay because it had two ethanol plants.

"We have chosen Mackay because of the presence of

two ethanol plants in the area, highlighting the opportunities that exist for regional areas with the expansion of the biofuel economy," she said.

"The Palaszczuk Government will develop a biofutures strategy to outline how a globally competitive and sustainable industry can be established in Queensland."



Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, Professor Scott Sheppard, Mayor Deirdre Comerford and representatives from Asahi Group in Japan this week.



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THE FUTURE: Member for Mackay Julieanne Gilbert and Mayor Deirdre Comerford tour the Marian Water Treatment Plant with Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk in July.

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Qld govt banks deal with Japan

THE Queensland government has signed an agreement with a giant Japanese bank, aimed at increasing that nation's investment in the state.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, in Japan as part of an Asian trade mission, signed an MOU with the Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi on Thursday.

Ms Palaszczuk told an agricultural investment seminar in Japan the agreement "aims to build on our collaborative relationship and increase Japanese investment in our state".

"We greatly appreciate this vote of confidence in Queensland by Japan's largest bank and I'm certain it will lead to a new era of Japanese investment in Queensland," she said.

The MOU comes on the back of the free trade agreement Australia signed with Japan in November, which Ms Palaszczuk said presented "a wide range of new possibilities for not only Australian exporters, but also for Japanese investors" to help expand agribusiness here.

Although agriculture was the focus, the government hoped to find investment streams for the key infrastructure projects the state

required, particularly the cross river-rail project.



LOCAL NOSH KEY TO TRADE

EXCLUSIVE JASON TIN

PREMIER Anastacia Palaszczuk wants to ramp up Queensland's reputation as a destination for Asian foodies, hinting more direct flights could be on the horizon.

Speaking from Japan yesterday, Ms Palaszczuk told *The Sunday Mail* she planned to discuss her ideas for how the state can better position itself as a food tourism destination with Tourism Minister Kate Jones and Agriculture Minister Bill Byrne.

She was last night due to return to Queensland from her trade mission to China and Japan, which she says already appears to have reaped rewards for the Sunshine State.

During the earlier leg of the trip, Ms Palaszczuk "spoke extensively" to China Eastern Airlines about "some more direct flights".

"I can't go into further detail

about that, but it was very positive about what we'll be seeing in Queensland in the future," she said.

The Premier also met with Japan's Acting Prime Minister, Yoshihide Suga.

"It was a very high-level meeting focusing on Queensland trade and investment opportunities," Ms Palaszczuk said. "We spoke at length about our resources industry, opportunities for agriculture and also

more exports from Australia and Queensland beef."

Ms Palaszczuk said Queensland could expect a "huge increase" in the number of tourists coming from China over the next five to 10 years.

"One thing they did stress to us, both in China and Japan, is that we should be promoting our food more, the food experiences in Queensland," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"So I'm going to speak to my Agriculture Minister, Bill Byrne, about how we can do some more promotion. They'll

have a promotion week here in Japan next year.

"But it's about promoting what's good about our food and our restaurants for the experience. It's not just about the natural beauty, they also want the whole experience."

She said she would also discuss her ideas with Ms Jones.

Meanwhile, the Premier said she intended to "continue doing what I'm doing" when asked about polling last week that showed Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg trailing well behind her in the preferred premier stakes.

"We're just getting on with the job, we're delivering on our election commitments and I said we'd be a measured and responsible government," she said. "Obviously, Queenslanders did not like the style of the previous government and I'll just continue doing what I'm doing."



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A GREAT CALL OF CHINA'S

Tycoon's Queensland shopping list

JASON TIN

PREMIER Anastacia Palaszczuk has promised China's richest man the state will actively help him find job-creating developments in Queensland, which could include a new theme park.

Ms Palaszczuk met with Dalian Wanda Group chairman Wang Jianlin in Beijing during the first leg of her recent trade mission to China and Japan. The discussion could potentially result in a major new entertainment development near Brisbane or the Gold Coast.

Mr Wang, whose net worth was recently estimated by Forbes to be more than \$38 billion, spoke with the Premier about expanding his presence in Queensland.

The real estate tycoon's Wanda Group is currently working on its \$970 million joint-venture Jewel development at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast, which is expected to be completed by 2018.

The Premier described Mr Wang, who has been dubbed the richest man in China, as "probably the most influential tourism operator in China" and said their meeting was extremely positive.

"He was speaking to me about the possibility of even further developments, so I have committed that the State Government will work very closely with him about identifying some other opportunities for him, either around the Gold Coast or Brisbane," she told *The Courier-Mail*.

Ms Palaszczuk said: "The sort of resort developments the Wanda Group is looking at include entertainment, so theme parks with the great experiences of accommodation."

Mr Wang has also reportedly been looking to invest more heavily in film.

Ms Palaszczuk said there was also interest in China and

Japan in being involved with major infrastructure projects in Queensland.

"They're actually very interested in ... I said our infrastructure plan, from memory, is to be released in February,

so they're looking forward to seeing that," she said.

"And I did mention that the tender had opened for the second stage of the light rail, so there was a lot of interest in that as well.

"I've also been attending a lot of investment seminars, both in China and Japan, and there is a lot of interest in our north Queensland economic summit, which will be held in November in Cairns."

The Premier said Queensland needed to "do more promotion" in China and Japan, saying it was important that the state's ministers continue to develop ties with the two nations.

"I intend to come back to this region every year," Ms Palaszczuk said.

She added that she believes the future of the state lies in strong ties with Asian economies.



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CHINESE WHISPER

China's richest man flags new theme park for Coast

A multibillion-dollar resort and theme park planned for Nerang is back on the cards after Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk vowed to work with China's richest man.

The Premier met Dalian Wanda Group chairman Wang Jianlin in Beijing at the weekend during the first leg of her recent trade mission to China and Japan.

She told the billion-dollar Jewel developer the state would actively help him find job-creating developments in Queensland - including major projects on the Gold Coast.

These projects include an indoor ski centre, skating rink and vintage car museum.

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ageing highrises was a process of urban renewal that was set to pick up speed.

“Surfers Paradise and Main Beach are going through the process of urban renewal, with

CHINESE WHISPERS

Towering ambition

Developers set sights on ageing highrises

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THE great Australian beach-side holiday is under threat as developers move in on ageing highrises for “urban renewal”.

Everyday Australians look to have cheap holidays on the Coast but luxury units are now the name of the game, according to real estate experts, who say older resorts are set to be wiped away and replaced by new high-end projects.

The latest site in the cross-hairs is the 14-storey Surfers Royale, which has been bought by interests linked with Chinese development company Ridong Group’s head Riyu Li.

The *Bulletin* understands a major tower is likely to replace the 1980s-era building.

The building, on Northcliffe Tce, was bought this year and the timeshare on it has been terminated, with management not kept on.

It is understood the building, near the \$1 billion Jewel development being built by Ridong and Wanda groups, is expected to remain, with estate agents approached about either holiday-letting its units or making them available for long-term rentals.

Long-time unit owners said they were aware the Surfers

Royale site was likely to be amalgamated with neighbouring parcels of land as they became available.

Prominent estate agent Mark Witheriff of Knight Frank said the demolition of the Iluka site the most prominent example given the original building has been removed already,” he said.

“There is no doubt this cycle is under way and if you look at the previous cycles you would see three- or four-storey buildings getting amalgamated but this time it is the larger, traditional highrises.”

Only a week ago the Gold Coast City Council approved an 88-storey tower for the site of the 1970s-era Iluka resort, which was demolished in late 2013.

It is understood the Surfers Royale site cost about \$21 million through Colliers International agents Darrell Irwin and Geoff Lamb.

Mr Irwin said he was sure the site’s new owners would “look at how Jewel’s sales go ... then make a decision about what may be done on the Surfers Royale site”.



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Big hopes of beefing up exports

VICTORIA NUGENT

PLANS for the Townsville region to supply beef and produce to China and Japan could receive a boost after a trade delegation to Asia.

Mayor Jenny Hill, Townsville City Council chief executive officer Ray Burton and Townsville Enterprise chief executive officer Patricia O'Callaghan have spent the week in China and Japan on Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk's trade mission.

They joined Mackay and Cairns representatives on the ratepayer-funded trip in a bid to attract new investors based on free trade agreements. They made presentations to investors in both countries and hope to lure them to Townsville when they visit Cairns in November for an economic summit.

Cr Hill said mining, agriculture, tourism and e-commerce were top priorities during the trade trip.

"There is still significant interest in the mining sector with a number of companies looking to begin exploration with support from the

Queensland Government," she said. Cr Hill said agriculture would prove a particularly big industry in the future for Townsville.

"We have three particular companies who are already in North Queensland who want to expand what they're doing into the fresh produce and meat industry," she said.

Cr Hill said foreign ownership issues were not a large concern.

"It's about either long-term lease agreements or supply contracts," she said. "It can't just be one little farm, it really needs to be a number of farms.

"What we really want is to supply them through our port or our airport."

Ms O'Callaghan said agricultural opportunities in North Queensland would be a big future focus.

"Food is a major sector that both Japan and China are looking for support with," she said.

Ms O'Callaghan said a lot more work was needed to build connections with future investors.

"I think Townsville does have a lot to do in creating awareness," she said. "We know the demand is here."



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Chinese keen to study in Cairns

NICK DALTON

CHINESE students wanting to study at universities in Cairns have emerged as a “surprising” topic of discussion at a trade mission in China.

Mayor Bob Manning and Advance Cairns chief executive Mark Matthews have returned from Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk’s trade mission to the world’s most populated nation, focused on expanding education, food and tourism links.

Mr Manning said he underestimated the interest in tertiary education.

“I was inundated by people coming up to me in meetings in Beijing and Shanghai asking about it,” he said.

Mr Manning said he thought it was an area “well and truly covered” which needed further developing now that there were two universities in Cairns – James

Cook University and CQUniversity.

“Now that CQU has come on board we have more depth and more strengths,” Mr Manning said.

Mr Matthews said education companies were interested in study tours, some with a business attachment, rather than a tourist focus.

Mr Manning said beef was another area of demand.

“Beef, everyone wants beef,” he said.

Mr Manning said he met Aspial chief executive and chairman Koh Wee Seng in Singapore.

Aspial is planning a \$550 million commercial and residential tower complex, Nova, with the first tower on the drawing board and to go before the Cairns Regional Council for approval.

Mr Manning said Mr Koh remained committed to Cairns and both parties had agreed to

do everything to “get it over the starting line”.

He said the council would work with Mr Koh to make a business case stack up.

“I came away from the meeting fairly quite warm about it all. It was a good positive meeting.”

Mr Matthews said a number of people were looking for niche food products, “that would well suit our capability in supply”.

“The ageing population in China is another area of potential for training and skills development, as is youth development in team situations for the children of one-child families,” he said

“Tourism development is another area of key interest, with companies looking for all areas of specialisation from operations management to environmental management and everything in between.

“Our region is well known among those we spoke to, however a common theme was that more could be done to promote the range of opportunities in and from our region.”