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Thank you for your email of 17 October 2025, transferred from Office of Hon Simon Watts on 17 November 2025, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *"Who was first to initiate this visit*
2. *Can you send a copy of the initial emails or phone calls."*

In response to part one of your request, the visit to China was for the Bilateral Ministerial Climate Change Dialogue, which is a regular Ministerial engagement initiated in the 2014 Arrangement on Climate Change Cooperation, and reaffirmed in the updated Arrangement signed earlier this year. The visit to Korea was initiated by Korea as APEC hosts, in accordance with Korea's planned calendar of APEC meetings.

The following documents are in scope of part two of your request:

1. Invitation Letter (from China to New Zealand for the bilateral Ministerial Climate Change Dialogue), dated August 2025
2. Invitation letter for the 15th APEC Ministerial Meeting, from the Republic of Korea, dated 16 April 2025

These documents are withheld in full under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government; and
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

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Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade