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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – October/November 2025

Portfolio

Trade and Investment

On 9 February 2026, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Todd McClay under CAB-26-SUB-0021 on his travel, from 28 October to 1 November 2025, to Gyeongju, South Korea, to attend the APEC Ministerial Meeting and undertake bilateral meetings.

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Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – October-November 2025

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Gyeongju, South Korea, from 28 October to 1 November, in my capacity as Minister for Trade and Investment.

Report

- 1 The purpose of my travel to Korea was to attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting (AMM) and accompany the Prime Minister for elements of his programme. I participated in plenary discussions on the rise of artificial intelligence, demographic challenges, global trade and economic uncertainty, and climate change.
- 2 With the Prime Minister, I attended the launch of negotiations for the Green Economy Partnership Agreement (GEPA) and held a meeting with GEPA trade ministers. I also attended a Ministerial Meeting of the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement (DEPA) with counterparts from Chile, Korea and Singapore. I also had an engagement with the US APEC Business Coalition and participated in the APEC Ministerial Trade Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples.
- 3 My participation in the APEC Ministerial Meeting provided an opportunity to hold bilateral meetings with counterparts from several countries and international organisations. I met with counterparts from Mexico, Viet Nam, Korea, Canada, Hong Kong, Thailand, Chile, China, Japan, Brunei, and the US as well as the OECD Secretary General and the WTO Director General.
- 4 My attendance at AMM, alongside the Prime Minister, helped amplify New Zealand's reputation for thought leadership and innovation in trade and economic policy at a time of acute uncertainty and flux. AMM also provided an invaluable opportunity to reinforce relationships with a range of counterparts, advance bilateral issues, and demonstrate support for regional and multilateral institutions and the rule of law.

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- 5 I propose to release this paper proactively in part.

Recommendation

6 I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Todd McClay

Minister for Trade and Investment

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