



## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Environment/Sustainability Business and Policy Study Tour 2019**

### **Background**

- The North Asia Centre for Asia-Pacific Excellence (CAPE) is arranging a study tour to Hong Kong as part of its core objectives which include (a) preparing New Zealanders to engage more competently with and do business with the countries of North Asia; and (b) supporting and deepening New Zealanders' knowledge and understanding of North Asia.
- This is an invitation to any eligible member of a relevant New Zealand company or Government Body (New Zealand-wide) to be involved.
- The North Asia CAPE will subsidise the tour, participants will be asked to pay a fee of \$250 NZD to participate, to arrange their own travel to be in Hong Kong for the morning of March 11 through to March 15, and cover meals and incidentals.

### **Overview**

The study tour will allow access by participants to environmental and sustainability infrastructure that the Hong Kong Government has established to cater for public utility services. These visits are arranged specific to this study tour and some sites are not generally open to the public.

Participants will visit:

- T-Park (converting sewage sludge to electricity)
- WEEE Park (recycling electronic appliances)
- Eco Park
- West Island Transfer Station (waste transfer hillside cavern)
- Photovoltaic Floating Power Generation (fresh water reservoir)
- Happy Valley Stormwater Storage
- West Island Lam Stormwater Drainage Tunnel
- Ma On Shan Fresh Water Treatment Works
- Harbour Area Treatment Scheme/Stonecutter's Island Sewage Treatment Works
- Tai Tam Country Park/Woodside Biodiversity Centre (park management and heritage conservation)

## Objectives and Outcomes

Participants will:

- Visit the facilities listed above, receive presentations, make site visits, and meet with managers of each site
- Discuss each facility and interact with local managers to discuss challenges, successes and experiences
- Gain an understanding of Hong Kong's public services infrastructure development
- Identify areas of opportunity where New Zealand can play a role in further development
- Identify areas where solutions in place in Hong Kong could be replicated or adapted in New Zealand
- Establish relationships for further liaison between facilities in New Zealand and Hong Kong

## **About Hong Kong**

Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. Hong Kong maintains its own executive, legislature, judiciary, currency, legal system (English Common Law), police force etc. These operate under a "one country, two systems" principle to differentiate it from mainland China, while the Basic Law of Hong Kong is the regional constitution.

The city population is 7.5million comprised of persons predominantly of Chinese ethnicity, while also supporting a broad group of expatriate persons from around the world. It is primarily a service economy with financial services at its core. The territory's infrastructure is supplemented by neighbouring regions of China for fresh water and electricity services.

Hong Kong does not maintain a defence force nor diplomatic representation – these being provided by China. New Zealand and Hong Kong have had a Free Trade Agreement in force since 2011.

**Please register your interest by Tuesday 19 February via email to Laura Bunting: [l.bunting@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:l.bunting@auckland.ac.nz). Please include your name, company, contact details, brief biography and a statement about what you hope to gain from the tour if accepted as a participant.**

The North Asia CAPE is committed to helping New Zealand build sustainable, future-focused economic and cultural relationships with Greater China, Japan, and Korea. Established in 2017, the North Asia CAPE is one of three CAPEs funded by the government to meet these objectives.

The CAPEs are supported by a consortium of four of New Zealand's leading universities – University of Auckland, Victoria University of Wellington, the University of Otago and University of Waikato. The North Asia CAPE is hosted by the University of Auckland.

Find out more about the North Asia CAPE: [www.northasiacape.org.nz](http://www.northasiacape.org.nz)

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