

BRIEFING NOTE

FROM	Trade and Investment Queensland		
FOR	Premier Treasurer and Minister for Trade		
SUBJECT	Congratulatory Letter for the new Governor of Gyeonggi Province, Korea		
Contact Officer:	Gary Hwang, Market Support, Trade and Investment Queensland 07 3514 3014	Record No: TIQ-Market-0052; TRY-07425	Date: 7 July 2014
Requested by:	N/A	Date Approval Required By: N/A	

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this submission is to seek your signature on the letter to His Excellency Kyung-pil Nam, congratulating him on his appointment to Governor, Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea, (Attachment 1) which is a sister-state to Queensland.

BACKGROUND

2. Gyeonggi has a population of over 12 million which is the most populous province in Korea. The provincial capital is Suwon City. Seoul is located in the heart of the province, but has been separately administered as a provincial-level special city since 1946.
3. Gyeonggi Province is a key province in the development of Korea's economy because of its strategic location surrounding Seoul, and many of Korea's leading enterprises such as Samsung Electronics, LG and Kia Motors are based there. The province accounts for one fifth of the nation's Gross Domestic Product.
4. Queensland and the Gyeonggi Province entered into a Sister State Agreement in 1997 which is still active today. Activities and outcomes under this agreement include:
 - In 2009, the Gyeonggi Provincial Office of Education sent 245 teachers to seven overseas universities, including Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology, and the University of Southern Queensland.
 - In 2010, the Gyeonggi Provincial Office of Education sent 23 elementary teachers and 11 secondary teachers to the Queensland University of Technology for English training.
 - In 2011, four Queensland government high schools (Wynnum, Bremer (Ipswich), Indooroopilly, and Mitchelton) and four high schools in Gyeonggi Province (Suwon, Seongnam, Dongtan Global, and Goyang Global) participated in the Australia-Korea BRIDGE project. This project aimed to establish partnerships through online activities, physical exchanges, and training.
 - Mr Sang Kon Kim, the former Superintendent of Gyeonggi Provincial Office of Education, visited Queensland in September 2011.
 - In July 2012, a marine industry delegation, comprising representatives from Gyeonggi government visited Brisbane and the Gold Coast to benchmark the Queensland marine industry's capabilities.
 - TIQ participated in 7th Korea International Boat Show (KIBS) at KINTEX in June 2014. KIBS is an annual boat show and TIQ Korea attends each year.

ISSUES

5. The Republic of Korea's regional election is held every four years. The election involves the nine provincial governors, including Gyeonggi Province, and the eight mayors of the major cities, including Seoul.

- Mr Nam took office as the Governor, Gyeonggi Provincial Government on 1 July 2014, following the regional election. A copy of his CV is attached (Attachment 2).

RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

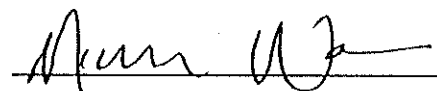
- Commissioner Sangmin Woo, Trade and Investment Korea Office was consulted.

RECOMMENDATION

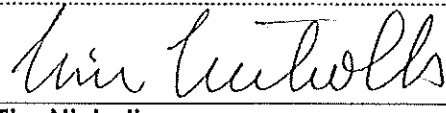
- That you sign the attached letter to Mr Kyung-pil Nam congratulating him on his appointment to Governor, Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea, a sister state to Queensland.

ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1 Letter to Mr Nam
- Attachment 2 CV of Mr Kyung-pil Nam, Governor of Gyeonggi Province.

per 
 Andrew Tulloch
 Chief Executive Officer Date 8/7/14

 Jon Grayson
 Director-General, DPC Date / /

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Your Excellency

On behalf of the Government and the people of Queensland, I wish to express my congratulations on your appointment as the Governor of Gyeonggi.

Since the establishment of the Sister State relationship in 1997, our two governments have enjoyed a strong relationship. This partnership was taken forward with the signing of the Queensland Gyeonggi Sister State action plan in May 2007 and its re-signing in July 2012. The plan reflects the increasing importance of Gyeonggi as a trade and investment partner for Queensland.

A Queensland Government Trade and Investment Office in Seoul was established in 2001 to capitalise on the growing opportunity in Korea, and in recognition of the importance of the Korean market for Queensland trade and investment interests.

Through our continuing friendship and existing relationships, I am sure we can further explore mutually beneficial economic development opportunities.

Once again, let me extend congratulations to you on taking office as Governor, and I look forward to meeting with you in the near future, either here in Queensland or in Korea.

If the Queensland Government can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Sangmin Woo, Trade and Investment Commissioner, Queensland Government Trade and Investment Korea Office on +82 2 21122390 or sangmin.woo@tiq.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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Dear Mr Choi

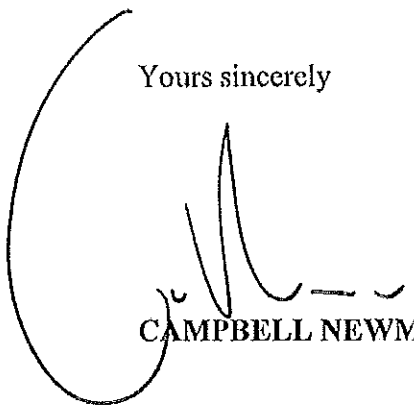
It was a pleasure to meet with you during my recent visit to Seoul and I would like to express my appreciation to you for supporting the Queensland barbecue lunch on Wednesday 9 April 2014.

I would also like to thank Governor Moon-Soo Kim for his strong support of the Sister State relationship over the past eight years. I am sure there will be many more opportunities for mutually beneficial collaboration in the future.

If the Queensland Government can be of assistance to you, or if you require any further information on Queensland's trade and investment capabilities, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Sang Min Woo, Queensland Trade and Investment Commissioner Korea by email at sangmin.woo@tiq.qld.gov.au or on telephone +82 2 2112 2390.

Once again, it was a pleasure to meet you.

Yours sincerely



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