



Paul Henderson
CHIEF MINISTER

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Territory secures Japan-Australia Business Conference

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today announced the Territory has secured Japan-Australia Joint Business Conference for the first time in 2014, bringing the biggest investors from across Japan and Australia to Darwin.

Chief Minister Henderson made the announcement today in Tokyo after meeting with Mr Yorihiro Kojima, Vice Chair of the Japan-Australia Business Cooperation Committee and Chairman of the Mitsubishi Corporation.

“Darwin is on its way to becoming the oil and gas capital of Australia and for the first time will host this major conference for business executives from across Japan and Australia,” Mr Henderson said.

“The conference is the largest of its kind and attracts some of Japan and Australia’s biggest mining and business executives.

“Investment into the Ichthys project by INPEX and Total has made Darwin home to the single largest investment by Japan outside of Japanese soil.

“Japan remains Australia’s overseas energy market.

“The Territory boasts a highly skilled workforce and modern infrastructure, making it the ideal location to invest and do business – and that’s exactly what we will be promoting when this conference comes to Darwin.

“I was honoured to present the keynote speech at the conference in Koyoto in 2011 and look forward to hosting this prestigious event in the Territory in 2014.

“This is part of our Territory 2030 Strategic Plan to continue to grow the Territory economy and we will continue to seek further investment into the Territory’s economy.”

The conference is held annually and is organised by the Australian Japan Business Cooperation Committee (AJBCC) and the Japan Australia Business Cooperation Committee (JABCC).

AJBCC members, mainly from the minerals and energy sectors, are estimated to account for up to 70 per cent of Australian exports to Japan.

Darwin will be officially confirmed as the host city of 52nd conference following a site visit from AJBCC.

The next conference will be held in Sydney on 7 October 2012.

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