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Peter Styles, Member for Sanderson  
Minister for Asian Engagement and Trade

### **Five-stop Asian delegation to boost trade and investment**

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The Minister for Asian Engagement and Trade Peter Styles will lead a five-stop Asian delegation next week to generate business and trade opportunities with some of the largest investment hubs in the world.

Comprised of the Minister, representatives from the Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment as well as local business and tourism representatives the delegation will carry-out high-level meetings with key contacts in Singapore, Beijing, Hong Kong, Taipei and Guangzhou.

“Forging strong, lasting relationships with these powerful trade and investment centres is very important to the Northern Territory Government because it is a critical element of securing a prosperous economic future for the Territory,” Minister Styles said.

“This delegation will follow-up on leads generated with China, Hong Kong and Malaysia which I uncovered during my visit earlier this year.”

During the trip the Minister will meet with Austrade Senior Trade Commissioner Mr Christopher Rees in Singapore and Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and other key representatives in Beijing.

He will also attend the Hotel Industry Asia Pacific Conference in Hong Kong alongside Federal Minister for Trade and Investment the Hon. Andrew Robb to promote Darwin development opportunities.

“I will also continue discussions with a number of potential Chinese partners including Chimelong, owner and operator of China’s largest eco-tourism parks which is interested in developing a unique Australia’s Northern Territory zone in its safari park,” Mr Styles said.

“The itinerary is packed full of opportunities and the goal is to return with outcomes that reflect the commitment by the Country Liberals Government to secure the Territory’s economic future.

“Our Economic Development Strategy is a long term strategic road map that builds on our proximity to Asia.

“It takes a project-based approach designed to smooth out the peaks and troughs of economic activity creating opportunities to deliver more jobs, better services and improve our unique way of life.”

The delegation departs tomorrow with the first stop Singapore.

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