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Prime Minister Key meeting with President Lee Myung-bak at the Blue House.



Prime Minister Key delivering the address at a wreath laying ceremony at the ANZAC Memorial in Kapyeong.



Prime Minister Key being greeted by President Lee Myung-bak at the Second Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul.

NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER JOHN KEY VISITED SEOUL 24-27 MARCH

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt Hon John Key, visited Korea from 24-27 March, to attend the Second Nuclear Security Summit hosted by President Lee Myung-bak and to undertake a bilateral programme. Melissa Lee MP joined the Prime Minister's delegation during the bilateral programme.

The Prime Minister's visit marked the 2012 Korea-New Zealand Year of Friendship. While in Korea, the Prime Minister met with President Lee at the Blue House, attended a wreath laying ceremony at the ANZAC Memorial in Kapyeong in honour of the New Zealanders who served during the Korean War, and delivered the keynote address at a business breakfast hosted by the Kiwi Chamber. The Prime Minister also met a number of other leaders, business people and prominent Koreans during his visit.

NUCLEAR SECURITY SUMMIT



Prime Minister Key delivering a statement at the Second Nuclear Security Summit held in Seoul on 26-27 March.
(Credit: Prime Minister's Office)

Prime Minister Key joined 52 leaders for the Second Nuclear Security Summit, held on 26-27 March at the COEX International Convention Centre in Seoul. During his address to the gathered

leaders, Mr Key described the Summit as an important step towards securing nuclear materials and reducing the global threat of nuclear terrorism. The Prime Minister announced that New Zealand would contribute NZ\$500,000 towards a project to remove highly-enriched uranium from Uzbekistan back to Russia to be reprocessed and securely stored. "This project reinforces our support for the securing of vulnerable nuclear materials worldwide," Prime Minister Key said.



Prime Minister Key talking with President Obama.
(Credit: Prime Minister's Office)

The states represented at the Summit issued a communiqué that will guide their collective work until the third Nuclear Security Summit in the Netherlands in 2014.



The Second Nuclear Security Summit held in Seoul was attended by 53 leaders.

MEETINGS WITH OTHER LEADERS

During the Nuclear Security Summit, Prime Minister Key took the opportunity to hold bilateral meetings with several leaders including Vietnam Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, Thailand Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra, Chilean President Sebastian Pinera, and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.



Prime Minister Key meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Harper.
(Credit: Prime Minister's Office)

BILATERAL PROGRAMME

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LEE

The Prime Minister met with President Lee Myung-bak on 25 March at the presidential Blue House. Their conversation emphasised the strong, warm and friendly relationship existing between New Zealand and Korea and also highlighted the two leaders' shared ambition to conclude a free trade agreement. President Lee described the deep affection many Koreans have for New Zealand. Both leaders highlighted the significance of the Year of Friendship.



Prime Minister Key meeting with President Lee at the Blue House.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Prime Minister Key conducted a wreath laying ceremony at the ANZAC Memorial at Kapyeong on 25 March, attended by a wide range of dignitaries including the Korean Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs Hon Park Song-Choon, senior United Nations Command and Korean military and a representative from the Australian Embassy. The moving ceremony held on a crisp and clear morning honoured the New Zealand and Australian service members who served during the Korean War. Prime Minister Key spoke of New Zealand's contribution to the allied effort during the war and our ongoing contribution to peace on the Korean peninsula.



Prime Minister Key delivering the address at a wreath laying ceremony at the ANZAC Memorial in Kapyeong.

KIWI CHAMBER BUSINESS BREAKFAST

On 26 March the Prime Minister delivered the keynote speech at a business breakfast hosted by the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Korea (the Kiwi Chamber). The event was well attended by a mix of around 80 New Zealand expatriate business people, senior representatives from Korean business and industry with interests in New Zealand, and local and New Zealand media.

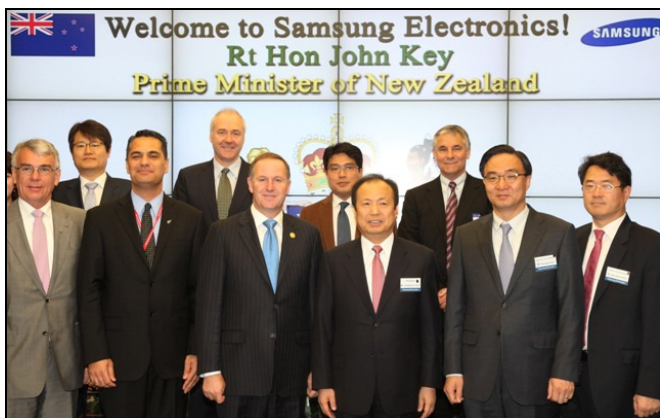
During his presentation the Prime Minister canvassed the broad and positive bilateral relationship between New Zealand and Korea. He also outlined the advantages to Korea and New Zealand from a mutually beneficial FTA and enhanced trade and economic relations. He noted that Korea would benefit from an FTA with New Zealand, as such an agreement would facilitate Korea's productive sectors (through cheaper access to New Zealand commodity inputs), increase Korea's exports to New Zealand, reduce

the risk of trade diversion, and enhance Korea's food security.



Prime Minister Key stressed the benefits of a Korea-New Zealand FTA at the Kiwi Chamber business breakfast on 26 March.

VISIT TO SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS



Prime Minister Key, Ambassador Rata (second from left in front) and delegation visited Samsung Electronics Digital Media City.

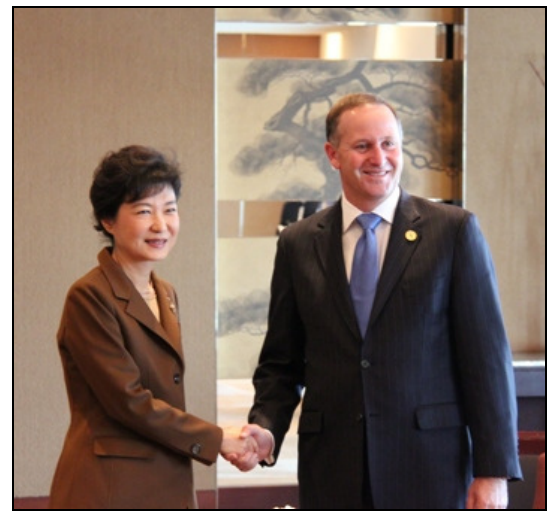


Prime Minister Key and Melissa Lee MP watching 3D TV.

The Prime Minister visited Samsung Electronics' Research and Development campus in Suwon on 26 March. The visit gave support to New Zealand's

existing links with Samsung and promoted the New Zealand ICT sector in general. The visit included a brief tour of the Samsung Electronics history museum and an exhibition hall of Samsung's latest products. Samsung had gone to the effort of scouring Korea's video vaults for historical footage of previous leaders' visits to Seoul, that few New Zealanders would have seen before.

MEETING WITH CHAIRPERSON PARK GEUN-HYE



Prime Minister Key shaking hands with Chairperson Park of the ruling Saenuri Party. (Credit: Prime Minister's Office)

Chairperson Park Geun-hye, of the ruling Saenuri Party and a leading potential candidate for the December Presidential Election offered her support for the FTA during a meeting with the Prime Minister on 26 March. Chairperson Park underscored the warm relationship between Korea and New Zealand.

INFORMAL KIWI COMMUNITY RECEPTION



Prime Minister Key met Kiwi expatriates at an informal reception hosted by Ambassador Patrick Rata.

Ambassador Patrick Rata hosted an informal reception for members of the New Zealand expatriate community at the Embassy on 25 March. The event brought together a cross section of New Zealanders living and working in Korea. The Prime Minister appreciated the opportunity to meet and engage with the Kiwi locals. The event helped reinforce the connection back to New Zealand for these expats, some of whom work for large international or Korean companies and have been away from New Zealand for an extended period.

PRIME MINISTER'S DELEGATION DINES AT OUGA

On their first night in Seoul the Prime Minister and his delegation dined at the Ouga restaurant in Myeongdong in downtown Seoul. At Ouga the Prime Minister and delegation were able to experience and enjoy traditional Korean barbeque of beef Kalbi and Samgyupsal (pork).