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The big story in New Zealand's international trade relations at the moment is Prime Minister John Key's visit to India. On the table is a proposed India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, which has been given an ambitious timetable of eight to ten months to complete. It has been suggested that such an agreement could triple New Zealand's trade with India to NZ\$3billion by 2014.

This trip coincided with the Auckland Chamber's inaugural India Business Leaders Forum. We had the pleasure of hosting Nigel Fyfe, lead negotiator of the India - New Zealand Free Trade Agreement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

If you have any queries on how your business can benefit from any of the FTAs with have with our trading partners, or if you would like further information on our Business Leaders Forums, please don't hesitate to give us a call on 09 309 6100 or email int@chamber.co.nz

Kind Regards

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Business Leaders Forum

India Business Leaders Forum

The Auckland Chamber of Commerce hosted our inaugural India Business Leaders Forum roundtable session on the eve of a state visit to India by Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr John Key at the invitation of the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh.

The India Business Leaders Forum was attended by a wide range of stakeholders representing governmental agencies and industries such as food and beverage, dairy, transport infrastructure, building and education.

To read a full report on the discussion and outcomes of the forum, please [click here](#).



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Event

Australia Business Leaders Forum

Australia is New Zealand's largest trading partner, with two-way trade between the two countries worth over NZ\$18 billion per annum. For New Zealand businesses looking to export their products, Australia represents a great first step, with strong economic, political and cultural links between the two countries.

Join the Auckland Chamber at our inaugural Australia Business Leaders Forum. Over a light breakfast you'll get the chance to meet other Australia traders to discuss common issues, stories, and strategies for success.

Date: Thursday 14 July
Time: 7.30am - 8.45am



Venue: Auckland Chamber of Commerce, Level 1, 100 Mayoral Drive, Auckland City

Tickets: Members \$30.00 + GST, Non-members \$45.00 + GST

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News

Government fund co-operation between Taiwan and New Zealand

The National Development Fund (NDF) of Taiwan and the New Zealand Venture Investment Fund (NZVIF) is currently discussing the establishment of a strategic co-operation on joint investments in venture capital funds, for the mutual benefit of Taiwan and New Zealand. The NDF and NZVIF are planning to set up a fund, to invest in Taiwan and New Zealand venture capital firms with the aim of identifying and investing in Taiwan and New Zealand companies.

This initiative is principally supported by Taiwan's Council for Economic Planning and Development and New Zealand's Ministry of Economic Development. We believe that the cooperation between the NDF and the NZVIF will have a number of positive impacts on New Zealand and Taiwan economy and their business activities. It is believed that this will assist Taiwan and New Zealand high-tech companies expanding their business to mainland China and the rest of the world.



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Taiwan's investment environment ranked 2nd in Asia

Statistics released by the Directorate General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics (DGBAS) show that Taiwan's GDP growth reached 10.82% in 2010. This was the highest growth rate since 1987. The key drivers of the outstanding economic performance in 2010 were exports, private investments and consumption.

Exports and private investment rose by 25.59% and 32.79% respectively last year, boosting GDP growth to its record 24-year high. The island's exports and investments were spurred by the global economic rebound and increased outsourcing by big international manufacturers.

With the implementation of the cross-strait Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) and its "early harvest" tariff preferences, exports are expected to grow at a steady pace. Moreover, the series of measures that the government has instituted to improve the business environment will strengthen investor confidence and help reinforce the current wave of growth.

According to the Business Environment Risk Intelligence, BERI, Taiwan placed fourth among the 50 countries evaluated, after only Switzerland, Singapore, and Norway. In Asia Taiwan was second, after Singapore. BERI expects Taiwan's investment environment keeping the island in fourth place globally.

For more information about the Taiwan Business Leaders Forum, please email me at int@chamber.co.nz.



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Business Council

Join the French New Zealand Chamber of Commerce and Industry to celebrate Bastille Day

The French New Zealand Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FNZCCI) invites you to an event to brighten up Midwinter – the annual Bastille Day celebration, hosted by Sky City Grand Hotel and sponsored by Air France.

Be treated to some glorious French wines and canapés, be entertained by Maurice Jones on piano accordion, and be in to win some brilliant prizes in our business card draw.

Date: Thursday 14th July 2011

Time: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Where: Sky City Grand Hotel

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