



A.C.T. GOVERNMENT
ROSEMARY FOLLETT MLA
CHIEF MINISTER
MEDIA STATEMENT

JAPAN BUSINESS DELEGATION ANNOUNCED.

Chief Minister Rosemary Follett has announced the membership of the forthcoming A.C.T. business delegation to Japan.

The delegation, which includes senior representatives of the Territory's business and public sectors, will be led by the Chief Minister and will be in Japan from October 23rd until November 5th.

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"This mission has three goals. To raise awareness in Japan of Canberra as Australia's national capital, to market Canberra as an attractive business destination and to promote the A.C.T. as a tourist attraction", Ms Follett said.

The delegation will visit Tokyo, Nara and Osaka targeting the A.C.T.'s business strengths, tourism, advanced technology and education.

This is the A.C.T.'s first overseas trade mission and Ms Follett said she was pleased such high calibre representatives of Canberra's business and public sectors had become involved.

"We are confident that the visit will enhance relations between the A.C.T. and Japan and contribute towards fulfilling the Territory's business potential", Ms Follett said.

Ms Follett's announcement coincided with a visit today to Ainslie Primary School which is twinned with Tsubaii Primary School in Nara, one of the A.C.T. Trade Mission's destinations.

The students at Ainslie Primary presented the Chief Minister with gifts to pass on to Tsubaii Primary while the delegation is in Nara.

This relationship is just one of a number of links which already exist between the A.C.T. and Japan.

Others include a twinning between Copeland College and a school in Osaka, a link between the Fujitsu company and the Australian National University and the twinning of Nara Chamber of Commerce with its Canberra counterpart.

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