Chief Minister Adam Giles has appointed former Member for Blain Terry Mills as the Northern Territory Commissioner to Indonesia and ASEAN.

"Terry Mills has spent more than a decade in politics and has a passion for Asia. I cannot think of a more appropriate person to take up this important position as we work to attract investment in Northern Australia," Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“We created this position in last year’s budget and we are lucky to have someone with Terry Mills’ skills and contacts to be promoting the Territory in Indonesia.

“This appointment will provide an excellent opportunity for Terry Mills to continue to contribute to the development and prosperity of the Northern Territory and indeed Northern Australia.

“Only this week we have launched a new public awareness campaign about the push for Northern Development and Terry Mills will be integral to this process going forward.

“The Territory has been making huge progress in re-building the live cattle trade with Indonesia in the wake of Labor’s damaging export ban. Mr Mills will continue that work, promoting this important Territory industry.”

The Commissioner will provide in-country assistance and connections to help the Northern Territory conduct business and build closer ties with the region.

The role will focus on strengthening the Territory’s trade, investment, education, social and cultural links with Indonesia and neighbouring countries.

The Commissioner will live in Jakarta and travel to the Northern Territory as required.

“The Northern Australia Century is upon us and this appointment will help boost the Territory’s profile on the ground, building relationships with strategic partners. This is the kind of work which will help put the Territory on the map,” Mr Giles said.

The Government has launched a new website explaining the huge opportunities available because of our proximity to Asia.

The new Northern Australia Development Office is also planning a roadshow to reach out to Territorians in our regions and give them a say in how this development process unfolds.

A series of public forums will be held in key regional centres over the coming months.

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