The Territory’s biggest trade fair NT Expo was officially opened by Chief Minister, Clare Martin, at Darwin High School today.

The Northern Territory Expo aims to develop business, trade and investment opportunities within the Northern Territory, across Australia, and with our Asian neighbours.

Ms Martin said the theme of this year’s Expo, *Partnership to Prosperity*, strongly interlinked with the Government’s focus on economic development that was outlined in the recently released *Economic Development Strategy*.

"Building a Better Territory for all Territorians through strong, sustainable economic development is underpinned by the need for all sections of business and community to work together," she said.

Ms Martin said NT Expo provides a high level forum for the exchange of ideas and information aimed at developing local, national and international trading opportunities.

"International relationships and trade are extremely important to our future, with one in every four jobs linked to exports, making Expo a valuable Territory resources.

"This reliance on trade opportunities increases the significance of our recently released *International Trade Strategy* which aims to broaden and strengthen our international trade and capitalise on the Territory’s competitive advantages."

"The Territory is well positioned to become a major supplier of goods and services to the Asian region and it is events like NT Expo that allow us to highlight the rapid improvements and growth in the Territory’s industry sector.

"It is one of our best vehicles for establishing and developing business relationships."