Rob Knight
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Asian Relations and Trade Minister to visit Vietnam and China

Asian Relations and Trade Minister Rob Knight will travel to Vietnam and China next week to showcase the Northern Territory’s growing trade and industry capability.

Minister Knight said the focus of the eight day visit was to explore potential trade opportunities in Asia and to strengthen Government to Government relationships in the region.

The itinerary will provide opportunities for meetings with high-level officials from both the Vietnamese and Chinese Governments in Hanoi and Beijing.

“China is already the Territory’s second largest export market and is identified as one our key markets while Vietnam is indentified as an emerging market in the Territory Governments Growing International Trade 2009-2013 Strategy.”

“Both countries have opportunities for Territory Business particularly in mining, oil and gas, live cattle exports, two-way tourism, education and training sectors.”

“The number of Chinese students studying in the Territory is a testament to this with over 150% increase since 2007.

“China is one of the world’s fastest-growing economies so there will be a particular focus on investigating ways our small to medium-size enterprises can access export markets in high-potential markets in Asia.”

“Darwin can provide access to a modern deepwater port, an international airport, direct links to the National highway and rail networks, and we have the attributes of a modern capital city,” Minister Knight said.

This is Mr Knight’s second visit as Trade Minister to China following the successful delegation of business, industry and government representatives for Northern Territory Week (23-27 August) at Shanghai World Expo last year.

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