



PRIME MINISTER

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Hon Shane L Stone QC
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Dear Dr Stone 

Increasing Australia's trade and investment is fundamental to building a strong, prosperous economy that has more jobs. As part of the Government's plan to strengthen our economic opportunities, in April I will personally lead high-level delegations to Japan, the Republic of Korea and China comprising senior business figures as well as distinguished representatives of Australia's cultural, education and artistic sectors.

While Australia will take a large trade delegation to be led by the Minister for Trade and Investment, the Hon Andrew Robb AO MP, I would like to invite you to join my select delegation to China.

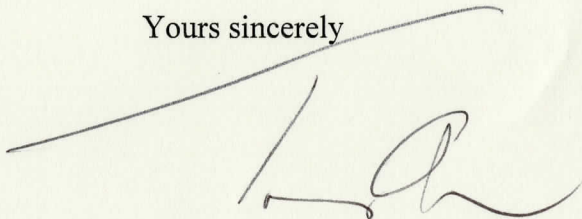
Although the visit programme is still being finalised, I anticipate the delegation will join me at events in Shanghai on the evening of 10 April and the morning and lunchtime of 11 April, and in Beijing on the evening of 11 April and the morning of 12 April. Further details regarding these events will be provided once the programme is finalised in consultation with our hosts.

Noting the tight timelines, I would be grateful if you could confirm your availability to join my business delegation to China. I would encourage your office to nominate an appropriate point of contact by getting in touch with Ms Prerana Mehta, International Division, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on 02 6271 5700 or at prerana.mehta@pmc.gov.au.

As this invitation is to join a small and select Prime Minister's delegation, it is strictly non-transferable.

I hope that you will be able to join me on my visit to China and help me demonstrate to the region that Australia is 'open for business'.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a stylized 'A' and a flourish.

TONY ABBOTT