

DECLARATION

WHO WE ARE

The Business Education Partnership is made up of major business and employee organisations, individual companies and institutions. For a complete list of partners go to www.asianz.org.nz.

- ANZ National Bank Ltd
- ANZCO Foods Ltd
- Auckland Chamber of Commerce
- Auckland International Airport Ltd
- Augen Software Group
- Asia New Zealand Foundation
- Beca Group Ltd
- Bell Gully
- BUPA Care Services
- Business New Zealand
- Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce
- Cathay Pacific
- Colmar Brunton
- Cosco (NZ) Ltd
- Employers and Manufacturers Association (Northern) Inc
- Euroasia
- Fairfax Media
- Federated Farmers of NZ Inc
- Fonterra
- Glidepath Group
- Hewlett-Packard NZ
- HSBC
- Hunter's Wines (NZ) Ltd
- Kiwibank
- KPMG
- Meat Industry Association
- Minter Ellison Rudd Watts
- NZ Bus
- New Zealand Asia Institute
- New Zealand Council of Trade Unions
- New Zealand Post
- New Zealand Sugar Company Ltd
- New Zealand Trade and Enterprise
- Newspaper Publishers' Association
- Otago Southland Employers' Association
- Ports of Auckland Ltd
- Silver Fern Farms
- Singapore Airlines
- Tahia Investments
- The Icehouse
- Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Zespri International Ltd

The 21st Century is, and will be, the century of Asia. New Zealand as a part of the wider Asian region will see its future shaped by what happens in Asia.

Understanding what is happening in Asia is the key to our future. Building our knowledge of Asia, its cultures, its languages and its peoples, is a priority task for our education system, so that New Zealanders can become more informed about the region and better equipped to deal with it.

We, the signatories of this declaration, have therefore formed the Business Education Partnership for New Zealand's Future with Asia to call for greater attention to be given to making New Zealanders, in our schools and in our educational institutions, in our boardrooms and in our workplaces, more informed about Asia.

We commit ourselves to working with our communities to see that this partnership can help deliver greater Asia Awareness to fellow New Zealanders. We want to see greater attention given to learning about Asia in our schools.

We want to support this initiative by developing programmes in our own organisations which support greater Asia Awareness.

We want to increase the opportunities for New Zealanders to learn more about Asia and to learn the major languages of Asia.

We represent major business and employee organisations, which together cover the majority of the New Zealand economy. We represent as well individual companies and institutions; we represent business councils which promote trade and economic growth with our major trading partners in Asia.

Together, we can make this partnership a real force in giving New Zealanders the chance to become Asia Aware.

This initiative is championed by the Action Asia Advisory Group, a representative group of New Zealand business leaders.

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