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Dear City of Melbourne Meeting Group

This is a written response in regards to Agenda Item 6.9 Proposed travel by Lord Mayor, Councillors (to be nominated): City of Melbourne business mission to Chengdu, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Nanjing, Taipei, China, Osaka, Japan – March/April 2020.

I support the recommendation from management that the Lord Mayor and up to three Councillors travel overseas to China and Japan for important meetings and conferences in late March early April 2020. Melbourne is an international city and it is important to have strong and vital relationships with cities in China and Japan. Melbourne will be a better and brighter city with more prosperous relationships following this important trip. It is important for City of Melbourne to have ambitious business missions, with great aims. The indicative itinerary is very detailed with room though for further improvisation taking advantage of market opportunities.

Best regards

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