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Briefing: Secretary FOR INFORMATION

Post travel report: Denise Ora, to Suncheon, South Korea



Purpose: To report to the Secretary on the recent overseas travel to South Korea on 30 May-3 June 2023 to attend the 2023 International Garden Symposium held on 1 June 2023 in Suncheon as a distinguished speaker on the topic of the History of Traditional Gardens.

Analysis: Denise Ora is the Chief Executive of Australian Institute of Botanical Science & Botanic Gardens of Sydney (Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust) and was invited by the Korea National Arboretum (KNA) to present on the History of Traditional Gardens, in particular the multicultural history and adaptation of First Nations Culture.

Summary:

- The 2023 International Garden Symposium brought together industry experts, government agencies and students from Korea specialising in agriculture, horticulture, botanic science, and forestry to discuss the history and changing trends of botanic gardens and the important role they play in Nature Positive outcomes. Ms Ora presented on the History of Traditional Gardens, in particular the multicultural history and adaptation of First Nations Culture
- 2. All costs associated with Ms Ora's travel were covered by the Korea National Aboretum.
- 3. The NSW Government will benefit from enhanced international relationships. Keynote presentation and visit will assist to cement the Botanic Gardens of Sydney as a premier destination for international visitors and one of the world's leading organisations progressing and promoting the use of local biodiversity in urban and suburban areas, providing benefits such as enhanced aesthetic value, improved air quality, and more resilient urban ecosystems. Moreover, the inclusion of native plants in botanic gardens is an integral part of efforts to address the impacts of climate change, as these plants are better adapted to the local climate and can better withstand extreme weather events. A positive step towards more inclusive, sustainable, and equitable approaches to plant conservation and management across the globe.

Key learnings and outcomes

Communication Strategy

Outcomes of the symposium will be reported across the Australian Institute of Botanical Science Advisory Council, Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust Board, and to industry stakeholders and partners, to support and inform management throughout NSW and Australia.

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Alignment with Future Transport 2056

The Cities and Active Transport Division delivers towards the following principles outlined in Future Transport 2056:

- Successful places Public spaces are key components of a successful place, and the three Botanic Gardens and the Domain managed by the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust are key examples of preserving and maintaining important space for our city.
- Sustainability Underpinning the maintenance of our Botanic Gardens is the world class research undertaken by the Australian Institute of Botanical Science, to ensure that we can continue to care for this resource into the future.

Disclosure Summary

Date	Organisation/Individual	Purpose of Meeting	
31 May 2023	Visited Taehwagang National Garden in Ulsan and met with citizen helpers. Visited Geumgang Botanical Garden in Busan.	Tours	
1 June 2023	International Garden Symposium	Distinguished speaker on the History of Traditional Gardens where I shared insights on the history of botanic gardens, as well as a vision for their future in a time where sustainability and conservation are key priorities. I also discussed how botanic gardens have evolved to become more eco-friendly, sustainable, and accessible to a wider audience, and highlighted how they have become global conservation powerhouses. Visited Suncehon Bay Wetland Reserve.	
2	Korea Garden Industry Fair.	Participated in ribbon-cutting opening of	
June	Korea Garden Show.	Korea Garden Show.	
2023	Claire Matterson CBE, Director General Royal Horticultural Society UK.	Building stronger international connections, collaborating on research,	
	Dr Stephen Gale, Director Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden Hong Kong.	and working towards achieving greater success in the important mission of	
	Kim Yeong-rok, Jeollanam-do Governor.	environmental stewardship.	
	Nam Sung-hyeon, Head of the Korea Forest Service.		
	Dr Jun Gyu Bae and Choi Young Tae of the Korean Forest Service.		
	Noh Kwan-gyu, Suncheon Mayor.		
	Choi Yeong Tae, Director General of the Korean National Aboretum.		

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Next steps

Continue maintaining and building strong relationships with international representatives, furthering ongoing collaboration, research, and information sharing.

Expense Summary

Breakdown of all costs incurred	Actual Cost
Airfares – GL 534030	\$0
Accommodation – GL 534040	\$0
Official hospitality – GL 534050	\$0
Attendance fees for delegates – GL 534050	\$0
Ground transport – GL 534050	\$0
Meals and refreshments – GL 534050	\$0
Other miscellaneous costs – GL 534050	\$0
Total - All costs related to this proposed travel were covered by the Korea National Arboretum	\$0

Traveller endorsement

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Denise Ora Chief Executive, Botanic Gardens of Sydney	A/Deputy Secretary: Caroline Butler-Bowdon Division: Cities and Active Transport	Howard Collins A/Secretary:
	Am	Noted
Date: 4 Aug 2023	Date: 7/08/2023	Date: 10/08/2023

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Background

The Korea National Arboretum invited Denise Ora in a letter dated 27th March 2023 to attend the 2023 International Garden Symposium and to speak on the History of Traditional Gardens (Attachment A)

Botanic Gardens of Sydney (the Gardens) is the trading name of the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust, established under the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust Act 1980. The organisation encompasses Australia's premier botanical research institute, Sydney's leading outdoor live entertainment and activation precinct, and three world leading botanic gardens and international tourism destinations.

As Australia's oldest scientific institution, Botanic Gardens of Sydney is custodian of more than \$1.2 billion in state significant cultural, heritage and botanical collections. The Gardens is a leading entity within the NSW tourism sector with a focus on engaging international, national, and regional visitors.

Key pillars:

Royal Botanic Garden Sydney: One of Australia's most-visited international tourist attractions and Australia's oldest scientific institution.

The Domain: Sydney's leading outdoor live entertainment and activation precinct.

Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan: The emerging flagship campus of the Australian Institute of Botanical Science: home of the National Herbarium of New South Wales and the Australian PlantBank.

Australian Institute of Botanical Science: Australia's premier botanical research institute encompassing the education, science, conservation, and collections of the Botanic Gardens.

Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah: Australia's highest cool-climate Botanic Garden within a World Heritage Area.

Attachments

Attachment	Title
Α	Written Invitation - Korea National Arboretum
В	Itinerary
С	Official Poster of 2023 International Garden Symposium

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Denise Ora

Chief Executive

Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust

Australian Institute of Botanical Science

Invitation Letter

March 27, 2023

On behalf of the Korea National Arboretum(KNA), it is with great pleasure and honor to invite you to the 2023 International Garden Symposium to be held on June 1, 2023 in Suncheon as a distinguished speaker.

As you are aware, the theme of this year's symposium is History of Traditional Garden Landscaping. And I would be so grateful if you share thoughts and experiences with us.

We are planning to hold the 2023 International Garden Symposium this summer, from May 30-June 2, 2023, which will be held in Suncheon City in Korea.

And we also plan to consult with you further on the details as well as the schedule of the program as we prepare for this meaningful event.

We sincerely invite you to join us in this event. Your expenses for air ticket, hotel, etc. will be paid by Korea National Arboretum.

It would be our great privilege to have you as a speaker and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Choi, Young Tae

Director General of the Korea National Arboretum

	2023 International Garden Symposium						
Date	Time	Program	Transport	Venue	Remark		
			1st. Arrival				
	Warming-Up in Korea						
	19:30~	Arrival from Sydney	QF0087	Incheon Int'l Airport T1	Denise Ora		
May 30 Tue.	19:30~20:30	Processing in CIQ & Welcoming					
	20:30~20:35	Welcoming & Move to Van					
	20:35~21:35	Move to Hotel & Check in		The Plaza	In Room Dining for Dinner		
	21:00~	Rest		The Plaza			
		2nd. Ulsan I	Nat'l Garden & E	usan Tour			
			Exploring Korea				
	06:30~	Breakfast Available					
	07:15~07:35	Hotel Check out					
	07:25~07:40	Move to Seoul Station					
	07:40~07:55	Boarding					
	07:57~10:22	Move to Ulsan	KTX 015				
	10:30~10:45	Move to Ulsan Nat'l Garden					
	10:45~12:00	Ulsan Nat'l Garden Tour					
May 31	12:00~12:30	Move to Restaurant					
Wed.	12:30~14:00	Lunch		Muju Gol (Korean_Grilled Eel)			
	14:00~15:00	Move to Tourist Site					
	15:00~16:00	Busan Tour					
	16:00~16:30	Move to Hotel & Check in					
	16:30~18:30	Free Time					
	18:30~18:45	Move to Restaurant					
	18:45~20:30	Dinner		Busan House (Korean_Bulgogi)			
	20:30~	Return to Hotel & Rest		Paradise			
		3rd. Move to Suncheon	& Attending to I	nt'l Garden Symposium			
		5	Symposium Day				
	06:30~	Breakfast Available					
	09:15~09:30	Hotel Check out					
	09:30~12:00	Move to Suncheon City					
	12:00~13:15	Lunch		Bamboos (Italian)			
	13:15~13:30	Move to Ecological Culture Education Center					
	A	ttending to Int'l Garden Symposium					
	13:30~13:45	Registration					
	13:50~14:00	Greeting with Suncheon City Mayor					
	14:00~14:10	Opening Ceremony					
	14:10~14:15	Group Photo Shooting					
June 01	14:15~14:30	Introduction of Suncheon Nat'l Garden	1	Director Comm.			
Thu.	14:30~14:55	Presentation 1_ Ms. Clare Matterson		Director General of the Royal Horticultural Society			
	15:00~15:25	Presentation 2_ Ms. Denise Ora		Chief Executive of Royal Gardens & Domain Trust			
	15:30~15:40	Coffee Break					
	15:40~16:05	Presentation 3_ Ms. Stephan Gale		Head of Flora Conservation at Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden			
	16:10~16:35	Presentation 4_Mr. Yee Sun		Prof. of Korea Nat'l University			
			+	of Cultural Heritage Forestry Senior Researcher			
	16:40~17:00	Presentation 5_ Ms. Lim Yeon Jin		of Korea National Arboretum			
	17:10~17:50	Discussion					
	17:50~18:00	Closing					
	18:00~18:30	Move to Restaurant					
	18:30~20:00	Dinner		Korean Beef BBQ			
	21:00~	Move to Hotel & Check in		Ramada Yeosu			
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	4th. Yeosu Tour & Attending Garden Show Opening Ceremony				
	Garden Show Day				
	06:30~	Breakfast Available			
	09:45~10:00	Move to Tourist Site			
	10:00~11:30	Yeosu Tour			
	11:30~12:00	Move to Restaurant			
	12:00~13:30	Lunch		Ming Palace (Korean)	
June 02 Fri.	13:30~13:45	Move to Suncheon Nat'l Garden			
	14:00~15:00	Suncheon Nat'l Garden Tour			
	15:00~16:30	Garden Show Site Tour			
	17:00~18:00	Dinner		Western	
	18:30~20:30	Attending to Garden Show Opening Ceremony			
	20:30~	Return to Hotel & Rest		Ramada Yeosu	
		5th. Move to Sec	oul, Seoul Tou	r & Departure	
		Se	oul Tour Day		1
	06:30~	Breakfast Available			
	07:00~07:15	Hotel Check out			
	07:15~07:45	Move to Yeosu Airport			
	07:45~08:30	Boarding			
	08:45~09:40	Fly to Seoul	Asiana Air		
	10:00~10:45	Move to Tourist Site			
June 03	10:45~12:00	Seoul Tour		Gyeongbokgung Royal Palace	
Sat.	12:00~12:15	Move to Restaurant			
	12:30~14:00	Lunch		Korean (Bibimbab)	
	14:00~15:00	Seoul Tour		Insadong(Traditional Market)	
	15:30~16:30	Seoul Tour		Bukcheon Hanok Village	
	17:00~18:00	Move to Incheon Int'l Airport			
	18:00~18:30	Check in			
	21:00~	Departure to Sydney	QF0088		

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2023년 6월 1일(목) 14:00~17:00 순천만 생태문화교육원 2층 공연장



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