

First Visit of UK Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to New Zealand

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David Mundell MP arrives in New Zealand on his first visit since being appointed by UK PM Boris Johnson as Trade Envoy.



UK Trade Envoy to New Zealand David Mundell shaking hands with Auckland Mayor Phil Goff and Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore.

Agritech, infrastructure and financial and professional services will be the focus of the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy during this first visit to New Zealand. He will outline the importance of UK-NZ trade and investment in his engagements which will see him meet with stakeholders across government and business.

Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to New Zealand David Mundell said:

I am delighted to finally visit in New Zealand to start meeting businesses and stakeholders across a range of sectors to unlock the benefits of the Free Trade Agreement. There is so much opportunity to boost trade and investment between our countries. More trade means more jobs – here and in the UK – and I am looking forward to a busy first visit.

Trade Envoys are unpaid and voluntary roles, designed to boost British business in key markets. The UK-New Zealand Trade Agreement was signed on 28 February 2022 with negotiations launched in June 2020. The agreement needs to be ratified in both Parliaments before it can come into effect.

Laura Clarke OBE, British High Commissioner to New Zealand said:

Having successfully negotiated an historic Free Trade Agreement I am keen to make sure we make the most of this fantastic opportunity. We must build on the strong historic links between New Zealand and the UK and to also grasp new opportunities.

Louise Cantillon, British Consul General and Deputy Trade Commissioner Asia Pacific (Australia & New Zealand) said:

This visit will help unlock huge opportunities for British businesses and investors in New Zealand. The New Zealand trade team are already working to support British businesses and investors to make the most of current – and future – opportunities. This visit will unlock even more opportunities for business and investors looking to expand.

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