



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT LINKS TO KOREA

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The Australian Government has awarded funding to Australia's peak body for local government to foster Australian-Korean relationships at the government level.

"The issues facing local government in Australia are often truly global issues, and sharing the insights of our Korean counterparts will be invaluable to the up-and-coming leaders in today's councils," said Local Government Professionals Australia President, Mark Crawley.

Under a newly announced program this week, Australian local government officers will be sent to the Republic of Korea with support from the Commonwealth through the Australia-Korea Foundation, which is part of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

"This new program builds on an ongoing relationship between our two countries' local government sectors, where earlier this year we were proud to host a Korean delegation at our annual industry conference up in Darwin," said Mr Crawley.

The project will offer professional exchanges for two Australians to travel to Korea and spend time at a Korean council learning about local government projects, responsibilities and systems. These Australians will be paired with Korean peers and each will attend local government conferences in their respective partner-country.

The Australia-Korea Local Government Exchange, run by local government peak body Local Government Professionals Australia, is a professional development program for emerging local government leaders. The Exchange will see Australians from local councils partnering with their Korean counterparts to foster closer ties between the two countries on individual, professional and community levels.

The Exchange has found mutual support from the Australian Federal Government and government associations in Korea, with the Governor's Association of Korea (GAOK) also lending its support to the program as a partner.

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About Local Government Professionals Australia

Local Government Professionals Australia is the national component of the peak body representing local government professionals, with a focus on developing organisations and the broader local government sector, to build better communities around Australia.

Since the foundation of the organisation in 1936, LG Professionals Australia has created opportunities for the near 200,000 local government workforce across over 500 councils to come together to share ideas, discuss challenges and learn new ways of practice.

