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Purpose and Objectives

Your travel to **Japan** is an opportunity to:

- Meet key investors and provide assurances about certainty in our investment environment.
- Reassure Japan that Australia continues to be a stable and trusted supplier of resources and energy, including to the region.
- Underscore Australia's readiness to work with Japan to build stable and secure critical minerals supply chains.

The centrepiece of your visit is a bilateral meeting with your newly appointed counterpart, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Mr Ken Saito, who took office in December 2023. Your meeting with Minister Saito is an opportunity to **s33**

progress our efforts to strengthen resources trade and investment ties with Japan.

Investment

Meetings will be held with key Japanese businesses and financiers investing in major resources projects in Australia. **s33**

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Developing a clean hydrogen industry in Australia underpins our ambition to become a renewable energy superpower, while decarbonising our economy. Working with Japan to build supply chain and transport linkages, foster investment, and shape global markets will be important for the hydrogen industry.

Energy Security

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Minister Albanese provided a video message to the first AZEC Leaders Meeting in December 2023.

Critical Minerals

Your visit will underscore Australia's readiness to work with Japan to build stable and secure critical minerals supply chains. s33

You could highlight the *Australian Critical Minerals Prospectus*, published in January 2024, which showcases 52 investment-ready projects that have significant potential to address anticipated production shortfalls, build supply chain security and deliver progress on a net zero future. Austrade will prepare a Japanese translation of key parts of the Prospectus for the benefit of Japanese stakeholders.

Sensitivities

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.There will be interest in the development of the Future Gas Strategy, and the long-term policy framework it will provide for LNG gas exports.

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VISIT OVERVIEW | REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Purpose and Objectives

Your visit to the **Republic of Korea (ROK)** is an opportunity to:

- Meet key investors and provide assurances about certainty in our investment environment.
- Reassure the ROK that Australia continues to be a stable and trusted supplier of resources and energy, including to the region.
- Underscore Australia's readiness to work with ROK to build stable and secure critical minerals supply chains.

The centrepiece of your visit is a bilateral with the newly appointed Minister for Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE), Ahn Duk-Geun who was confirmed by the National Assembly on 3 January 2024.

- Minister Ahn, an expert in international trade and commerce, was promoted from his previous role as Minister for Trade. The previous MOTIE Minister, Bang Moon-kyu, stepped down to run in April's general elections.
 - Bang Moon-Kyu assumed the post in September 2023 s33

Investment

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Australia can support this by providing policy certainty for existing ROK investments in Australia. s33

Energy Security

Like Australia, the ROK has a target for net zero emissions by 2050. The ROK government's focus is on maintaining the competitiveness of its industries, pursuing new commercial opportunities in global decarbonisation, and strengthening energy security. ROK's major corporates have also committed to net zero by 2050 or earlier, s33

You can highlight the opportunities of decarbonisation (for example, CCS and green steel) while providing assurances that Australia is a reliable supplier of energy resources. You will also provide ROK stakeholders an update on the review of the environmental management regime for offshore petroleum and greenhouse

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gas storage activities. **s33**

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can reaffirm Australia's commitment to ensure the stable energy supply and provide investment certainty.

Critical minerals

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Carbon capture and storage

s33 Your support on this technology, as well as the progress on the Sea Dumping Amendment legislation, will be welcome news. **s33**

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Sensitivities


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VISIT PROGRAM (as at 25/01/2024)

The Hon Madeleine King MP, Minister for Resources, Minister for Northern Australia
 JAPAN AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA | 28 January to 4 February 2024

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY [PERTH TOKYO]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
2155	 Minister, Senior Adviser s22(1)(a)(ii) and Senior Adviser s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Depart: Perth Flight: s22(1)(a)(ii) Duration: 9 hours and 35 minutes	s22(1)(a)(ii)

End of 28 January program

MONDAY 29 JANUARY [PERTH TOKYO]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
0830	 Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Arrive: s22(1)(a)(ii) Met by: s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
0900 – 1010	Travel to the hotel s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
1010 – 1210	Check in Refresh Hotel: s22(1)(a)(ii) Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1215 – 1230	Travel to first engagement	

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MONDAY 29 JANUARY [PERTH TOKYO]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
1245 – 1345 Confirmed.	<p>Lunch with Japan-Australia Business Cooperation Committee (JABCC) s22(1)(a)(ii) and guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JOGMEC – s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii) ; • INPEX – s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii) ; • J-POWER – s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii) ; • Mitsubishi Corp. – s22(1)(a)(ii) , s22(1)(a)(ii) (s22(1)(a)(ii) and • The Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry / The Tokyo Chamber of Commerce & Industry – s22(1)(a)(ii) , s22(1)(a)(ii) <p>Topics: s33</p> <p>Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1345 – 1400	Option for briefing/event prep Travel to the s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1400 – 1500 Confirmed.	<p>Event: s22(1)(a)(ii) Speech, Q&A and Media</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministerial Speech (approximately 15 minutes) – ‘Australia as a long-term and reliable energy supplier’ ▪ Future Gas Strategy, critical minerals, Australia-Japan energy and resources trade, Australian investment environment ▪ Q&A to follow the speech ▪ Attendance by both Japanese and Australian media. <p>Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1500 – 1505	Transit to the s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1505 – 1525 Confirmed.	<p>Pull Aside Event: Critical Minerals Meet and Greet</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet and greet with around 10 critical minerals-related companies (approx. 20 guests) – s33 ▪ Minister King makes opening remarks and mingles with guests. ▪ Group photo. Other photos with guests taken while mingling. <p>Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>	s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
1525 – 1545	A-based business time Option for briefing	

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MONDAY 29 JANUARY [PERTH TOKYO]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
1545 – 1615 Confirmed.	Afternoon tea with JBIC ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} s22(1)(a)(ii) and JOGMEC ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} s22(1)(a)(ii) Topics: s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} s22(1)(a)(ii)
1615 – 1630	<i>A-based business time</i>	
1630 – 1645	<i>Travel to next engagement</i>	
1700 – 1730 (End time under discussion.)	Bilateral meeting with Minister SAITO Ken, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Topics: s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} s22(1)(a)(ii)
1730 - 1745	Return to hotel Dinner, own arrangements	^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

End of 29 January program


TUESDAY 30 JANUARY [TOKYO]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
0700 – 0935	Breakfast A-based business s22(1)(a)(ii)	^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}
0940 – 1000	<i>Travel to first engagement</i>	
1000 – 1030 Confirmed.	Meeting with Mitsui & Co., ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}
1030 – 1050	<i>Travel to</i> s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1050 – 1115	<i>A-based business time</i>	

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TUESDAY 30 JANUARY [TOKYO]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
1115 – 1145 Confirmed.	<p>Morning tea with LNG Japan and JV partners Sumitomo Corporation and Sojitz. 6 attendees in total, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LNG Japan – s22(1)(a)(ii) ; s22(1)(a)(ii) , s22(1)(a)(ii) Sumitomo Corp. – s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) , s22(1)(a)(ii) ; and Sojitz – s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) , s22(1)(a)(ii) Sojitz Corporation. <p>s33</p> <p>Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1145 – 1200	<i>A-based business time, opportunity for media preparation</i>	
1200 – 1220 TBC.	<p>Media engagement – Interview with Nikkei</p> <p>Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>	
1220 – 1230	<i>A-based business time</i>	
1230 – 1330 Confirmed.	<p>Lunch with INPEX, s22(1)(a)(ii) , s22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p>Topics: s33</p> <p>Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1330 – 1400	<i>A-based business time</i>	
1400 – 1430	<i>Travel to next engagement</i>	
1430 – 1500 Confirmed.	<p>Meeting with Tokyo Gas s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p>s22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p>Topics: s33</p> <p>Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1500 – 1530	<i>Travel to next engagement</i>	

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TUESDAY 30 JANUARY [TOKYO]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
1530 – 1600 Confirmed.	Meeting with Mitsubishi Corp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s22(1)(a)(ii) , s22(1)(a)(ii), Natural Gas Group; • s22(1)(a)(ii) , Next-Generation Energy Business s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)); and • s22(1)(a)(ii) Mineral Resources Group Topics: s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1600 – 1615	Travel to hotel	
1615 – 1645	A-based business time	
1645 – 1710 Final timing TBC.	Interview with s22(1)(a)(ii) , Australian Financial Review's s22(1)(a)(ii) Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1710 – 1800 TBC	A-based business time	
1800	Dinner, own arrangements	s22(1)(a)(ii)
<i>End of 30 January program</i>		




WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY [TOKYO SEOUL]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
0700 – 0830	Breakfast Check Out	s22(1)(a)(ii)
0830 – 0900	Travel to first engagement	
0900 – 1000 Confirmed.	Meeting with Jera, s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii) s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1000 – 1045	Travel to airport	
1205	 Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii) , s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Depart: s22(1)(a)(ii) Flight: s22(1)(a)(ii) Duration: 2 hours 20 minutes	

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WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY [TOKYO SEOUL]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
1425	 Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Arrive: s22(1)(a)(ii) Met by: s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1425 – 1500	Freshen up s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1500 – 1600	Travel to POSCO Delegation Briefing s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1615 – 1630	<i>Coffee if required</i>	
1630 – 1715 Confirmed.	Meeting with POSCO s22(1)(a)(ii) Topics: <small>s22(1)(a)(ii)</small> Location: s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1715 – 1815	Travel to hotel and check in Hotel: s22(1)(a)(ii) Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1820	A-business time Dinner, own arrangements	
<i>End of 31 January program</i>		

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY [SEOUL]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
0600 – 0630	Breakfast at hotel (in room dining only – to order in advance) A-business time	s22(1)(a)(ii)
0630 – 0645	Travel to s22(1)(a)(ii)	

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THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY [SEOUL]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
0702	 Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Depart: s22(1)(a)(ii) Train: s22(1)(a)(ii) Duration: 2 hrs 52 mins	s22(1)(a)(ii)
0954	 Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Arrive: s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1000 – 1040	Travel to s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
1040 – 1115	Steelworks Visitor Centre (PR Centre) s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1115 – 1125	Travel to port	
1125 – 1140	Raw Materials Port	
1140 – 1200	Travel to lunch s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1200 – 1300	Lunch Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1300 – 1340	Travel to s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1340 – 1440	POSCO Pilbara Lithium Solution (PPLS) s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1440 – 1505	Travel to s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1519	 Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Depart: s22(1)(a)(ii) Train: s22(1)(a)(ii) Duration: 2 hrs 49 mins	

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THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY [SEOUL]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
1808	 Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Arrive: s22(1)(a)(ii)	
1810	Return to hotel A-business time Dinner, own arrangements	
<i>End of 1 February program</i>		

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY [SEOUL]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
0700 – 0820	Breakfast (own arrangements) A-business time	
0820 – 0915	Travel to first engagement	
0915 – 1000 Confirmed.	Meeting with Korea Zinc, s22(1)(a)(ii)s22(1)(a)(ii) Topics: s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1000 – 1045	Travel to next engagement	
1045 – 1130 Confirmed.	Meeting with KEXIM, s22(1)(a)(ii) Topics: s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1130 – 1225	Travel to next engagement Rest A-based time	
1230 – 1330 Confirmed.	Lunch meeting with KOGAS s22(1)(a)(ii) Topics: s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
1330 – 1500	Rest A-based time Transit to bilateral (in the hotel)	
1500 – 1530 Confirmed.	Bilateral meeting with Minister AHN Duk-geun, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) Topics: ▪ s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)

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FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY [SEOUL]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
1530 – 1600	<i>Opportunity for coffee/freshen up before travelling to next engagement</i>	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1600 – 1700 Confirmed.	Meeting with SK E&S CEO s22(1)(a)(ii) Topics: s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1700	Return to hotel A-business time Dinner, own arrangements	
<i>End of 2 February program</i>		

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY [SEOUL CANBERRA]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
0700 – 0750	A-business time	
0750 – 0800	<i>Travel to first engagement</i>	
0800 – 0900 Confirmed.	Breakfast meeting with s22(1)(a)(ii) Topics: s33 Location: s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii) <i>urrent proposed attendess are:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Minister King</i> • <i>s22(1)(a)(ii)</i> • <i>Min adviser (x1)</i> • <i>s22(1)(a)(ii)</i> • <i>s22(1)(a)(ii)</i> Note: s22(1)(a)(ii)	s22(1)(a)(ii)
0910 – 0950	<i>Prepare for media interview with advisers – including s22(1)(a)(ii) if needed</i>	
0950 – 1020	<i>Travel to next engagement</i>	
1020 – 1030	s22(1)(a)(ii)	

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SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY [SEOUL CANBERRA]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
1030 – 1130	<p>Media Engagement</p> <p>Focus of message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforcing the message of Australia as a reliable supplier of energy to Korea and the region. Also touch on critical minerals. With MTN (Money Today News – Bloomberg-like outfit) <p>Location: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p><i>This exclusive interview will be produced into a full program on MTN's YouTube channel through its <The Leader Interview> series.</i></p> <p>s22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p><i>The final products will be a 20-25 minute video for the interview program; a TV news clip; and an online article with full script in Korean.</i></p> <p><i>The video will have Korean subtitles on which s22(1)(a)(ii) will have a final review before the interview story going public.</i></p>	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1130 – 1145	<p>Short meeting with MTN s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p><i>Brief morning tea. Expecting MTN s22(1)(a)(ii) to invite the Minister to the Resources Energy Network Forum (https://renergv.co.kr/) to be held in the ROK in August 2024.</i></p> <p>Note: MTN published a series of very positive articles about Australian critical minerals during and after the inaugural Resources Energy Network Forum last year. s22(1)(a)(ii) to provide s22(1)(a)(ii) CV on the ground.</p>	
1145 – 1200	Travel to next engagement	
1200 – 1500	Lunch A-based business time Cultural Experience	s22(1)(a)(ii)
1500 – 1600	Return to hotel room to freshen up and change A-business time Check out of hotel	
1610 – 1710	Travel to the airport	
1845	<p>✈ Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling</p> <p>Depart: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p>Flight: s22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p>Duration: 10 hours and 10 minutes</p>	
<i>End of 3 February program</i>		

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SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY [SEOUL CANBERRA]		
Local Time	Engagement	Notes
0655	✈ Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii), s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Arrive: s22(1)(a)(ii) Stopover: 2 hours 15 minutes	
0910	✈ Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Depart: s22(1)(a)(ii)) Flight: s22(1)(a)(ii) Duration: 55 minutes	s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
1005	✈ Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii) travelling Arrive: s22(1)(a)(ii)	

End of Program