

Item 11**Report on International Travel – Sydney Symphony Highlight – Nanjing Art Festival****File No: X014468****Summary**

On 17 September 2018, Council endorsed the international travel of Councillor Robert Kok to lead a delegation from Sydney Symphony Orchestra to visit Nanjing and Hangzhou.

Councillor Kok was invited to attend the Nanjing Art Festival in Nanjing, at the invitation of Nanjing Municipal Bureau of Broadcasting, TV, Press, and Publication.

Councillor Kok was also invited by Hangzhou Municipal government to visit Hangzhou with Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

Councillor Kok has provided a report on the international travel, which is provided at Attachment A.

Due to the successful Sydney Symphony Orchestra visits to Nanjing and Hangzhou, the orchestra has been invited back to perform in the 2019/2020 season and now requests endorsement by Council and support for such a visit.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) the report on International Travel – Sydney Symphony Highlight – Nanjing Art Festival, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, be received and noted;
- (B) Council note its support of Sydney Symphony Orchestra visits to Nanjing and Hangzhou during the 2019/2020 season; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to work with Nanjing and Hangzhou on cultural exchange projects, especially the potential alignment with the Sydney Lunar Festival in future years.

Attachments

Attachment A. Report on International Travel – Sydney Symphony Highlight – Nanjing Art Festival

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