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ANZ supports international education and migrants

ANZ's reach and footprint in Asia is helping smooth the way for international students and migrants heading to New Zealand, ANZ Head of Migrant Banking Steve Savage said today.

Mr Savage said ANZ was also helping the international education and immigration sector in New Zealand connect with opportunities and networks in China.

"ANZ is sponsoring the New Zealand pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo and recently took a delegation of 30 international education and immigration representatives from New Zealand to the expo, as part of a programme of activity aimed at giving them practical insights and connections to opportunities in China."

Around 40 China-based delegates joined the tour which was organised by ANZ New Zealand, off the back of the bank's sponsorship of the New Zealand pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo.

Mr Savage said the tour connected delegates with China-based experts in the areas of migration, student education, and trade and provided networking opportunities for the New Zealand delegates.

"Feedback from delegates on the tour was great and certainly helped open doors for them on the ground in China. ANZ has been growing its presence in the region, with 162 branches in countries across the Asia Pacific, including 14 Asian markets," Mr Savage said.

"We can assist customers from anywhere in Asia and beyond to open their ANZ New Zealand bank accounts up to 12 months prior to arrival, helping the international student or migrant make a smooth transition to living in New Zealand."

In New Zealand, ANZ has one of the largest banking teams servicing Asian clients. There are 30 Chinese Specialist Branches throughout Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Rotorua and Palmerston North, as well as a dedicated Bilingual Call Centre [0800 838 123] speaking Mandarin, Cantonese and Korean.

"Our team provides offshore clients with relevant banking information and on arrival, assists in locating a convenient language specialist to further assist with their in country banking needs. This service has been immensely popular, particularly amongst the growing Chinese International Student segment," Mr Savage said.

ANZ is also an avid supporter of the local Chinese community, sponsoring events such as the Auckland Chinese Community Centres' New Year Festival and participating with key cultural groups such as the Chinese New Settlers Services Trust.

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