

India Mission 15 to 19 October

Nine aviation companies are spending a business week in Mumbai and Delhi. The group, comprised of trainers, airport fit-out companies and suppliers of services to the airlines, will meet a range of Indian companies and relevant government agencies. The visit coincides with a visit by Minister Steven Joyce, who the group will accompany on some meetings. On Wednesday, an 'Arrangement for Co-operation on Civil Aviation' will be signed by both governments. This is the first time that New Zealand has had such an agreement with an overseas country. It should lift the perception of New Zealand aviation products and services in India and make 'doing business' a bit easier.

The aviation team will also leverage off the presence of a large New Zealand Education Group that will be in India at the same time, and which follows on from a NZ CAA delegation and NZ pipfruit group that were in India this week.

By working in with these other industries and groups, we are able to look at other ways of boosting the New Zealand profile, and we also get some of them talking about the NZ aviation offer.