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Dear Mr Zinkel

**NEW INQUIRY INTO AUSTRALIA'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIP
WITH JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Thank you for providing the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) with the opportunity to provide a submission to the new inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea.

On 1 July 2010, the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) assumed responsibility for the international promotion and marketing of Australian education and training, previously held by Australian Education International (AEI), the international arm of DEEWR. Austrade is therefore best placed to provide input on this important aspect of the inquiry. AEI continues to have responsibility for leading strategic policy, regulation and government to government engagement in the international education sector. AEI's vision is for Australia to be recognised as a regional and world leader in education and training excellence and a partner of choice for international collaboration.

Both the Republic of Korea and Japan are important education partners for Australia, making strong engagement with the countries essential. In 2010, 25,909 Korean students were studying in Australia, contributing \$1.036 billion in education trade revenue to the Australian economy. In 2010, 9,260 Japanese students were studying in Australia, contributing \$257 million in education trade revenue.

The education ties that exist between Australia and the Republic of Korea and Japan make a significant contribution to the economic, political and cultural relationship with the countries. Continued engagement and collaboration with both countries on education policy and sharing of best practice will enable Australia to play a leading role in providing world class quality international education.

Yours sincerely

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