



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Queensland and Central Java Sister State Relationship

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.44 am): Queensland and Central Java have reaffirmed their longstanding sister state relationship. On Thursday last week the Vice-Governor of Central Java, Mr H Ali Mufiz, and I signed the new memorandum of understanding here at Parliament House, where I hosted a reception for an Indonesian delegation from Central Java. The new memorandum of understanding extends the relationship for another five years. The Vice-Governor is very likely to become the Governor very shortly. The previous Governor was just promoted to the ministry in Indonesia. I seek leave to have more details incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The agreement covers the specific areas of agribusiness and food, urban and regional development, road and transport infrastructure, trade and investment, education and training and tourism industry development.

It sets out a comprehensive agenda that is achievable in the five-year time frame.

Indonesia is an important trading partner for Queensland.

The Sister State relationship with Central Java, which was first signed in September 1991, provides a strong basis for expanding that trade relationship.