



RT HON WINSTON PETERS: FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Ulaanbaatar is 5 hours behind New Zealand

Seoul is 4 hours behind New Zealand

Dress code: Warm clothing for morning, business attire for Seoul programme

LOCAL TIME	PROGRAMME
TBC – 0950	Breakfast at hotel and check out <i>Room service or hotel breakfast buffet (starts at 6:30am)</i>
0950	Depart hotel to visit a Mongolian nomad family <i>Note: delegation will visit a Mongolian nomad family on the way to the airport</i>
1025 – 1050	Visit to Mongolian nomad family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>– 10-15 minutes of this event will take place outside.</i> <i>– You will be accompanied by Mongolian Ministry of Foreign Affairs State Secretary, Mr Munkhtushig (MFAT Chief Executive equivalent).</i> <i>– An introduction to the traditional Mongolian dwelling, the “ger”, by State Secretary, followed by an invitation to enter. The Mongolian family will be waiting inside the ger.</i> <i>– A seated introduction with the offering of Mongolian milk tea and dairy products. It is a polite gesture to taste, but it is not considered rude to not finish everything.</i> <i>– An opportunity to interact with horses and other livestock, including a chance to enjoy a Mongolian showcasing horseback-riding skills.</i> <i>– A small ceremony will follow in which you will be gifted a horse. The horse will remain with the family.</i> <p><i>Gift to family: Kiwiana tea towel, Mānuka and kawakawa blend tea, kawakawa balm – to be presented at the conclusion of the seated introduction inside the ger.</i></p>
1050	Depart event for Chinggis Khaan International Airport
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Event Brief: Experience Mongolian Nomadic Lifestyle

Time and date: Friday 28 February, 10.25am – 10.50am

Objectives

- Learn about Mongolian nomadic lifestyle from a Mongolian nomad family in countryside.

Runsheets

- An introduction to the traditional Mongolian dwelling, the “ger”, by MOFA State Secretary, followed by an invitation to enter. The family will be waiting inside the ger.
- A seated introduction with the offering of Mongolian milk tea and dairy products.
- An opportunity to interact with horses and other livestock, including a chance to enjoy a Mongolian showcasing horseback-riding skills.

Participants

- Mongolian nomad family (parents and three teenaged children)
- Mr L. Munkhtushig, State Secretary, Mongolian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr. D. Davaasuren, Ambassador to New Zealand (in Canberra)
- Mongolian Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials

Event logistics

- Rural area, on the way to Chinggis Khaan International Airport.
- No official photographer

Background

Gift of a horse from the Mongolian Government

- The gifting of a horse is considered in Mongolia to be one of the highest forms of respect and honour, and reflects the host’s appreciation for the recipient.
- The horse will be gifted in a small ceremony. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs State Secretary will formally present you with the horse and a certificate. You will be asked to tie a rope around the horse's neck. We have been asked to name the horse.
- The horse will remain with the family you are visiting to be looked after.

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Subject: MFA visit to China/Mongolia - Mongolia Update 25/02 [SEC=RESTRICTED]

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Horse

- MOFA underlined that in Mongolia gifting a horse was considered to be one of the highest forms of respect and honour, reflecting the host's appreciation and esteem for the recipient.
- There will be a small ceremony. MOFA State Secretary will formally present a horse and a certificate to MFA. MFA will be asked to tie a rope around the horse's neck.
- MOFA confirmed the family would look after the horse.
- MOFA is keen to have the horse's name confirmed before it's presented. **BEI: Any chance you could test OMFA's thinking on this please, if an opportunity arises?** Otherwise, we could leave the name blank for the time being.

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Subject: MFA visit to China/Mongolia - Beijing Day 1 end of day Update [SEC=RESTRICTED]

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Horse

MOFA confirmed the previous practice would apply to us as well, ie name the horse and enrol in a certificate. (We are however welcome to take the horse back to Wellington – which we will politely decline!) We will meet with them tomorrow afternoon local time so hope to have a bit more detail in tomorrow's update.

Out of scope

Erin

From: LINNELL, Adam (NAD)

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 7:18 PM

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Subject: RE: MFA visit to China/Mongolia - BEI update - 21 Feb .. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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- Horse: this has been the talk of the floor. An honour! Really cool gift As mentioned we'll outline some of the helpful advice you have received from Australia/the US in our email to OMFA, and give some initial suggestions for names. As mentioned Erin P, grateful if you could discuss the protocols with MOFA to make sure MFA knows how it'll all unfold. We can then update the 28 Feb day pack. For your info, Wendy has confirmed with John McKinnon that he was gifted a horse in 2004 (named Skye!).

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Cheers,
Adam

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Subject: RE: MFA visit to China/Mongolia - BEI update - 21 Feb .. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi all,

We've been working shifts this weekend to cover recent developments and keep the visit on track. Just a few updates from our end, and suggestions on what needs updating in Wgtn on the briefs (which we've flagged in the individual day packs).

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We thought we could work with MOFA so that MFA gets to take a photo with the horse, and ask that the nomad family look after it for him?

NAD: Grateful for views please.

Bet that wasn't on many bingo cards for our Friday update!

Erin

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Subject: RE: Mongolia - horse gift .[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED].

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi all,

Fun!

I don't think this is our first rodeo (pun intended!). I think either McCully or John McKinnon were gifted a horse previously - so we should have some precedent in the Embassy (long) memory for what to do.

And it sounds like Mongolia does this a bit, so we should just ask MOFA direct how do we manage this respectfully ^{s6(a)}

Adam, I am sure you will , but please give OMFA heads up.

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This is an honour. Noli equi dentes inspicere donati.

Good idea we Erin looking into options. ^{s6(a)}

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Pete

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A quick bit of googling suggests this has precedent, but obviously a great honour:

“In recent years, politicians have employed the symbolic gifting of horses for diplomacy. Traditionally a sign of great respect, the gift of a horse is one of the most culturally significant ways to honor another individual in Mongolia. This unique approach has grabbed international headlines of news outlets, such as the New York Times, Reuters, and Foreign Policy. The practice was performed twice in 2019, with Donald Trump and US Defense Secretary Mark Esper.”

BEI’s proposal that the nomad family looks after the horse might not be a bad idea, but would obviously need to be squared away beforehand. We don’t want to force a horse on them if it’ll be inconvenient or costly. We could ask Erin to look into options on her arrival on Monday.

BEI’s update:

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Subject: RE: Mongolia visit - media / horse [SEC=IN CONFIDENCE]

Kia ora Erin, thank you for this, the info from Australia/the US is very helpful. We will provide these points to OMFA this evening when sending over the updated day pack.

We wondered if you could please double check with MOFA in Mongolia that the protocols set out below (i.e. naming the horse, meeting the trainer, etc.) will apply to MFA on Thursday/Friday too? We should take a look at updating the relevant day sheet with this info once locked in.

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Thanks again,
Adam

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[IN CONFIDENCE]

Hi all - I thought it'd be best to bring together various email chains about Mongolia over the past 24 hours.

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On media and horse, see below from the Australian Ambassador:

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Subject: RE: MFA China Visit - Updated Day Pack - 25 Feb [SEC=RESTRICTED]

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Many thanks for all that, Adam (including the good news that we don't have to bring the horse with us on our onward travels...!).

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Kia ora Bede, Michael, colleagues,

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Mongolia

In some exciting news, the Mongolian Government will be gifting a horse to the Minister while he is in Mongolia. This is intended to be a surprise, and Post was advised in confidence. A few key points:

- Receiving a horse as a gift is a great honour. Other recent recipients include Secretary Blinken (2023) and Defence Secretary Esper (2019). John McKinnon was gifted a horse in 2004, named Skye (after the Isle of Skye)
- The handover is expected to take place during the nomadic lifestyle event with a Mongolian family on the morning of 28 Feb. The Day Pack for 28 Feb will be updated as we learn more about the arrangements from Mongolian officials.
- The Minister will not be expected to take the horse away. It will likely be presented as a gift, then remain in a paddock to be looked after by a Mongolian trainer.
- We understand that New Zealand will be expected to name the horse. We have suggested a few names below, though very much welcome the Minister's views:
 - **Karaka:** named after the North Island town/region known for annual yearling sales

- **Silver Fern:** named after an iconic New Zealand symbol
- **Kaimanawa:** named after the mountains home to New Zealand's wild horses
- **[We could seek a Mongolian name based on the horse's appearance or characteristics]**

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Kind regards,
Adam

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Subject: Mongolia Presser

Hi team, I've made a few changes to the Mongolia day packs to reflect the helpful update from Team Ulaanbaatar overnight. This includes some points on the horse (copied below) and copying in counterparts' delegations names.

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Gifting of a horse from the Mongolian Government

- The gifting of a horse is considered in Mongolia to be one of the highest forms of respect and honour, and reflects the host's appreciation for the recipient.
- The horse will be gifted in a small ceremony. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs State Secretary will formally present you with the horse and a certificate. You will be asked to tie a rope around the horse's neck. We have been asked to name the horse.
- The horse will remain with the family you are visiting to be looked after.

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Hi there,

I am pretty sure we have been gifted a horse previously a long time back from Mongolia. mccully? Or perhaps John McKinnon. Ask Xiao Hu, he will remember.

I am sure you are already onto this - but it sounds like Mongolia does this a bit, so we should just ask Mongolian MOFA direct how do we manage this respectfully (or failing that ask the Aussies in UB).

Fun!

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Meanwhile, the Mongolians want to gift MFA a horse. s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)

Mongolians.

orses are such a special thing to

Pam

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