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## **Territory on Show at Shanghai World Expo 2010**

The Northern Territory Government will showcase the best of the Territory across a range of industries at the world's biggest expo in Shanghai in 2010.

Minister for Asian Relations and Trade, Dr Chris Burns today applauded the signing of the agreement with the Australian Government establishing the Northern Territory as a sponsor of the Australian pavilion at the World Expo.

"I'm pleased to announce that the Territory is the first jurisdiction in Australia to sign up for the Shanghai World Expo 2010," said Dr Burns.

"We've committed \$300 000 in sponsorship towards displaying the Territory within the Australian pavilion.

"The Expo is an opportunity not to be missed, with 70 million people expected to visit the Expo from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May to the 31st of October 2010.

"The Expo will stretch across 5 square kilometres on the banks of the Huangpu River in Central Shanghai.

"Among the thousands of pavilions at the Expo the Territory will have a strong presence showcasing all the Territory has to offer in trade, tourism, education and sporting and cultural opportunities.

"China is the Northern Territory's second biggest trading partner worth almost \$1.5 billion and as the Chinese economy continues to grow we must ensure our trade ties remain strong.

"The Northern Territory Government will continue to invest in building a stronger relationship with China and participating in the Expo will assist in promoting the Territory to China.

"This is in contrast to Terry Mills who continues in his piecemeal approach to trade and Asian relations with his single minded focus on Taiwan to the exclusion of mainland China."

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