

# **MINISTERIAL INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT**

## **NOVEMBER 2023**

### **INWARD VISITS**

- 03 Nov**      **Visit to Wales by the Head of the Palestinian Mission to the UK**  
The First Minister met with the Head of the Palestinian Mission to the UK to discuss the conflict in the middle east.
- 09 Nov**      **Visit to Wales by Japanese Ambassador to the UK**  
The Ambassador visited Wales to attend an event celebrating 50 years of Japanese investment in Wales. The First Minister held a bilateral meeting with the Ambassador to discuss Wales/Japan relations and the Minister for Economy met with the Ambassador at a business dinner in the evening.
- 16 Nov**      **Visit to Wales by Hillary & Bill Clinton (Swansea University)**  
The First Minister met with both Hillary and Bill Clinton when they all took part in the Hillary Rodham-Clinton Global Challenges Summit in Swansea. The event discussed some of the most important global issues, including health and social inequality, the climate emergency and leadership for future generations.
- 26 Nov**      **Visit to Wales by Indian High Commissioner**  
The First Minister met with the Indian High Commissioner at an event organised by the Sikh Council of Wales at Cardiff University. The 2024 Wales in India campaign was discussed and plans for a reception at the High Commission around St David's Day next year.

### **OUTWARD VISITS**

- 16 Nov**      **Minister for Economy Visit to Germany**  
The Minister for Economy recently undertook a three-day visit to Germany, travelling to Düsseldorf, Stuttgart and Munich to promote economic ties and strengthen unique cultural bonds. The visit included the signing of a Statement of Cooperation between Wales and the German state of Baden-Württemberg, a visit to MEDICA to support Welsh life science companies exhibiting at the world's largest medical trade fair, a visit to Semicon Europa 2023 and meetings with businesses and political representatives from each of the German states.  
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- 23 Nov**      **First Minister Visit to Dublin for BIC Summit**  
The First Minister attended the 40th meeting of the British-Irish Council on 23 and 24 November, which was hosted by the Government of Ireland.

The meeting was chaired by the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD on behalf of the Government of Ireland. Other attendees included Tánaiste Micheál Martin TD, the First Minister of Scotland the Rt Hon Humza Yousaf MSP, the Chief Minister of Jersey Deputy Kristina Moore, the Chief Minister of the Isle of Man Hon Alfred Cannan MHK, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland the Rt Hon Chris Heaton-Harris MP. The First Minister took the opportunity to hold a series of bi-laterals, including a meeting with the Irish Government Finance Minister, Paschal Donohoe, to find ways to take forward joint mechanism funding, in the post-Brexit era. A joint Communiqué was issued after the Summit, which is available here: [40th BIC Summit - Communique](#)