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Prime Minister Tours Extel Technologies

Extel Technologies was thrilled to host the Prime Minister (PM), Scott Morrison, alongside the member for Chisolm Gladys Liu MP and about 40 media representatives this morning at our Melbourne headquarters.

Advanced Manufacturing Tour

We gave Mr. Morrison a tour of our advanced manufacturing facilities, where he made frequent stops in production to meet our people and get an insight into our world-class capabilities. The PM even tried his hand at our soldering station, where he hand-soldered components onto a PCB. We were delighted for our team members to have the opportunity to meet with the PM to demonstrate their skills and to speak about our development and training programs. A particular point of interest for the PM was the internal commitment Extel make to develop our people and lead them along the path of advanced manufacturing, highlighted by a conversation with, Jamie Banks (Production Supervisor), who shared his story as an accredited IPC trainer and how he trains and accredits other team members as a part of our professional development program.

Press Conference

After the tour, we held a press conference where Mr. Morrison announced 'Supply Chain Resilience' - a \$300 million fund to strengthen supply chain initiatives that will ultimately lead to advanced manufacturing jobs in Australia. Among these are initiatives for which Extel submitted a grant application.

By being a part of the Supply Chain Resilience & Modern Manufacturing Strategy, Extel will advance its capabilities, meaning:

- An intelligent factory, with full visibility into the planning process, tracking of materials, and agility in the supply chain
- Efficient changeovers
- Automated replenishment and intelligent storage are game-changers.
- Enhancements to the efficiency of small-batch, high variety product builds, which is the core of Extel's competitiveness

The up-skilling of our workforce is also critical to underpinning the future evolution of a highly developed manufacturing skills base and supply chain resilience.

With Supply Chain Resilience, Extel will be able to offer an agile, advanced solution capable of mastering the complexity of modern electronics semiconductor processing. Our customers will be provided with more product options as well as quality and speed that is unmatched in Australia and even most other countries.

Taking part in this experience today reminds us that we are a proud 30-year-old organization. We are proud of what we are capable of and who we are. We are looking forward to an exciting future in advanced electronics design and manufacturing 4.0 initiatives.

Media Articles:

[Scott Morrison works on Motherboard](#) (News.com.au)

[Scott Morrison visits Extel Technologies in Melbourne](#) (Financial Review)

[Scott Morrison at Extel Technologies Manufacturing Facility](#) (SBS World News)