CIS:PM arrives in Russia for APEC

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia, Sept 7 AAP - Prime Minister Julia Gillard has arrived in Russia for this year's APEC leaders summit.

Ms Gillard touched down in Vladivostok shortly after 9pm local time on Friday night (2000 AEST) ahead of the two-day meeting of Asia-Pacific leaders.

Trade, higher education and green growth are all high on her agenda.

In particular, Ms Gillard will use the summit to push for an accord to further open up the region's higher education market.

The prime minister will also take part in a panel discussion on education at the CEO Summit, a sideline event which draws together hundreds of the region's top business leaders.

She will also seek to shore up support for an agreement that would see APEC's 21 nations slash tariffs on environmental goods to no more than five per cent by the year 2015.

She is set to meet a handful of leaders for bilateral talks on the summit's sidelines, including New Zealand Prime Minister John Key and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda.

Ms Gillard will return to Australia on Monday.

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