



CSAKA EXPOSITION 1970

Text of Statement made to Parliament by the Prime Minister,
Mr Harold Holt on 23rd August, 1967

In response to an invitation from the Government of Japan, Australia has indicated its decision in principle to participate in a world exposition with the theme "Progress and Harmony for Mankind", to be held at Osaka from March to September, 1970.

This will be the first exposition of this kind to be held in Asia, and the Government's decision has regard to Australia's increasingly close relationships with Asia and with Japan in particular. The exposition is to be similar in character and concept to EXPO 67 at Montreal, at which Australia has a highly successful presentation. It offers the opportunity for us further to portray to our friends in Asia and indeed to the world at large Australia's way of life, our achievements and aspirations.

The Government has not yet reached any decision on the nature or scale of Australian participation at Osaka. These aspects will be studied in the light of the experience of our participation in EXPO 67
