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The Prime Minister will visit the Phillipines from 8 - 11 May at the invitation of President Marcos.

While in Manila he will address the Fifth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development which is meeting from 7 May - 01 June.

He will have talks with President Marcos and with Prime Minister Ohira of Japan who is also addressing the Fifth UNCTAD Session.

The Prime Minister said the issues of international trade and development on which the Conference will focus are of fundamental importance not only to developing countries, but to the international community at large.

He said Australia had been actively seeking to achieve progress in the dialogue between the developed and developing countries.

The Prime Minister's discussions with Prime Minister Ohira will cover the forthcoming Economic Summit in Tokyo at which Mr Ohira will be host.