



PRIME MINISTER

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Premier Zhao Ziyang of the People's Republic of China will visit Australia on 17-23 April 1983.

Premier Zhao will be accompanied by Wu Xueqian, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jia Shi, Vice Minister responsible for trade and He Kang, Vice Minister responsible for agriculture.

The visit marks the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties, under a previous Labor administration, between Australia and China.

The visit underlines the importance both Australia and China attach to their relationship.

I look forward to meeting the Premier, and discussing with him a wide range of matters of international and regional concern.

The meetings and discussions which are scheduled will contribute to a further development of the ties between the two countries.

The Premier's itinerary has been arranged to allow him to see as much of Australia as possible while providing time for official discussions.

The itinerary will include visits to Canberra, New South Wales and Queensland.

In Canberra, the Premier will hold talks with the Prime Minister and Ministers on a wide range of international and bilateral matters.

The Premier's itinerary in New South Wales and Queensland will be developed in consultation with State Premiers.

The Prime Minister has already discussed the itinerary with Mr Wran and Mr Bjelke Petersen and appreciates the cooperation that there will be extending during Premier Zhao's visit to New South Wales and Queensland.