



PRIME MINISTER

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP

VISIT TO JAPAN

I will pay a short working visit to Japan on 5 and 6 September.

Japan is Australia's single most important economic partner and we have an increasingly close and broad-ranging dialogue on key regional and global issues.

I have not yet had an opportunity to meet Prime Minister Murayama and I attach importance to regular consultations between us. I will also have discussions with other Japanese political and business leaders.

I expect my talks in Tokyo to focus on regional issues, especially APEC, as well as on our strong and diverse bilateral relationship.

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