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VISIT OF MR. IKEDA

Statement by the Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. ~~Sir~~ Robert
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The Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Hayato IKEDA, will make an official visit to Australia from September 29 to October 3. His itinerary is expected to include Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne.

Mr. Ikeda will be the guest of the Australian Government. The Government's invitation to him was extended personally by Mr. McEwen, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade during his visit to Japan early this month.

I very much welcome Mr. Ikeda's visit. It will be the second official visit to Australia by a Prime Minister of Japan, the previous one being that of Mr. Nobusuke Kishi in 1957. A former Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, made a private visit in 1959.

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