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Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

His Imperial Highness Prince Mikasa, brother of the Emperor of Japan, accompanied by Her Imperial Highness Princess Mikasa, will be visiting Australia in January as guests of the Government.

The Prince will attend the 28th International Congress of Orientalists, which will be held at the Australian National University, Canberra, from 6 to 12 January. The Prince is well known in academic circles for his studies of ancient civilisations.

We are pleased that the Prince and Princess have accepted our invitation to make a short tour of Eastern Australia. Their visit, the first to Australia by members of the Japanese Imperial Family, is most welcome, and is a further indication of the friendship between our two countries.

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