



## PRIME MINISTER

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### STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT SOEHARTO OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr William McMahon

President Soenarto of Indonesia will be accorded a full ceremonial welcome on arrival at Fairbairn RAAF Base, Canberra, on the evening of Sunday, February 6, for a State Visit to Australia.

President and Madame Soenarto and party will arrive direct from Indonesia aboard a DC8 aircraft of Garuda Indonesian Airways at 9 p.m.

They will stay in Australia until the morning of Thursday, February 10, visiting Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney.

The Indonesian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Adam Malik; the Minister of State for National Development, Professor Widjojo Nitisastro; the Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Army, General Umar Wiranadikusuma, and the Secretary of State, Major-General Sudharmono, will be among the group accompanying the President.

At Fairbairn, the President and Madame Soeharto will be welcomed by the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, and Lady Hasluck, and the Prime Minister, Mr William McMahon, and Mrs McMahon. Cadets from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, will provide a ceremonial guard of honour for the President. Army gunners will fire a 21-gun salute.

President Soenarto's main Canberra engagements are to attend a Luncheon at Parliament House and to officially open the new chancery building of the Embassy of Indonesia. He will also lay a wreath at the Australian War Memorial, have private talks with the Prime Minister, hold a press conference, meet members of the Diplomatic Corps and dine formally at Government House. Madame Soenarto will attend most functions and will also visit the Marymead Homes for children in Narrabundah. President and Madame Soeharto will stay at Government House. Other members of the party will stay at the Hotel Canberra-Rex.

The Presidential party will leave Canberra at 10. a.m. on Tuesday, February 8, by RAAF BAC 1-11 aircraft for Melbourne where the President's engagements include a civic welcome, luncheon with businessmen, a visit to a cattle stud and a State Government Reception.

The party will leave Melbourne for Sydney at 9.45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9. In Sydney the President's engagements will include a civic welcome, a meeting with the Indonesian community, businessmen's luncheon, a visit to a glass-making factory, and a State Government Reception.

The President and Madame Soeharto and party will leave Australia at 9.a.m. on Thursday, February 10, for New Zealand. After New Zealand the party will visit the Philippines. Details of the Canberra programme are . . .

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY -

9.00 p.m. Ceremonial arrival at RAAF Base, Fairbairn

MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY -

9.15 a.m. The Prime Minister of Australia calls on the President of the Republic of Indonesia at Government House.

9.55 a.m. The President visits the Australian War Memorial to

10.15 a.m.

10.20 a.m. Discussions at Parliament House to

11.20 a.m.

11.45 a.m. The President and Madame Soeharto meet Heads of Diplomatic Missions and Wives at Government House to

12.15 pm

12.40 p.m. The President and Madame Soeharto attend Luncheon at Parliament House. to

2.50 p.m.

3.30 p.m. Press Conference at the Indonesian Embassy Residence, to 16 Monaro Crescent, Red Hill.

4.10 p.m.

4.15 p.m. The President officially opens Indonesias's new Chancery Building. to

5.15 pm

5.45 p.m. Courtesy Call on the President at Government House by the Leader of the Opposition.

7.30 p.m. The President and Madame Soeharto attend a Dinner at Government House.

SEPARATE ENGAGEMENT FOR MADAME SOEHARTO

10.00 a.m. Visits the Marymead Homes, Goyder Street, Narrabundah.

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NOTE: Details of the Melbourne and Sydney programmes will be released by State Authorities.

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