



PRIME MINISTER

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GIFT TO THE PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon C.H., M.P.

At Parliament House today, the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable William McMahon, C.H., M.P., presented an atomic absorption spectrophotometer to President Soeharto of Indonesia as a gift from the people of Australia to the people of Indonesia.

In handing over the gift, Mr. McMahon said that the spectrophotometer had been designed by Australian scientists for making highly accurate and quick analyses of mineral samples in ores and soils. Like Australia, Indonesia's economic development was benefiting increasingly from mineral exploration and production. He hoped that this example of Australian scientific technology would be of considerable assistance to Indonesian geologists, mining engineers and agricultural scientists in their research programmes.

CANBERRA,

7 February, 1972.

Visit of President Soeharto

SPEECH OF PRESENTATION BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WILLIAM McMAHON

C.H., M.P.

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the people of Australia I would like to present you with this special gift.

It is an instrument designed by Australian scientists for quick and accurate analyses of mineral samples in ores and soils. It is called an atomic absorption spectrophotometer.

As both our countries are benefiting increasingly from mineral exploration and production, I hope that this item of Australian technology will assist the research programmes of your geologists, mining engineers and agricultural scientists.

Please accept, Your Excellency, with our warmest wishes, this gift from the people of Australia to the people of Indonesia.

CANBERRA,
7 February, 1972.

BACKGROUND

SPECIAL AID PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT SOEHARTO

The atomic absorption spectrophotometer was designed by C.S.I.R.O. and is a unique example of Australian scientific technology.

Its purpose is to make a highly accurate and quick analyses of mineral samples in ores and soils. The apparatus which will be supplied complete with a selection of accessories suitable for Indonesian conditions, will have a wide application in Indonesia in the fields of mineral exploration and agricultural research.

The unit, which is manufactured by Varian Techtron Ltd., is modular in construction and when assembled measures 6 feet long, 16 inches high and 25 inches wide. It weighs 315 pounds.

The unit will be air freighted to Djakarta after the presentation.
