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VISIT TO INDONESIA, SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA
BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, THE
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DEPARTURE STATEMENT - SYDNEY

I will be leaving tomorrow morning for Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia on my first visit to these countries as Prime Minister.

The main purpose of the visit will be to improve our relations with our three nearest South-East Asian neighbours, whose friendship and co-operation we welcome.

Asia remains a critical area of the world in which the quest for peace and security will be concentrated in the future.

Indonesia, where my journey starts, is not only our nearest neighbour, but the fifth largest nation in the world and the only one with which we share a boundary.

A soundly-based and lasting Australian/Indonesian relationship is of the greatest importance to us now and in the future.

I want to emphasise Australia's growing and continuing interest in the South-East Asian region.

Australia is deeply interested in the wellbeing of our Asian friends and we are anxious to assist them in their search for economic growth and regional security.

I also want to extend my own understanding of each of these countries and of the matters which affect our security and our economic, trade and social ties and relationships.

I want to review with Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia their thinking, at Head of Government and Ministerial level, on the changing situation in the Asian and Pacific region.

In my discussions, I expect to take up such subjects as the changing roles of the major powers in Asia and the effects of these changing roles on South-East Asia.

In Indonesia, I shall be having discussions with President Soeharto and a number of his Ministers, including the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and I will be joined there by Mr Bowen. I shall also be addressing the Indonesian Parliament.

In Singapore, I will be having several discussions with the Prime Minister and the Ministers for Defence and for Foreign Affairs, and will be calling on the President and visiting the Jurong Town Corporation in which a number of Australian companies have invested.

I will also visit the headquarters of the ANZUK Brigade and address the Singapore Press Club.

In Kuala Lumpur, discussions have been arranged with the Prime Minister, Tun Razak, and other Ministers. In these discussions, I want to emphasise the great importance we attach to our relations with Malaysia.

An audience has been arranged with His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong and arrangements have been made for a visit to the Butterworth Air Base.

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FOR INFORMATION :

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO INDONESIA, SINGAPORE
AND MALAYSIA

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

INDONESIA

Monday, 5 June	4.00 pm	Arrival
	5.30 pm	Courtesy call on President
Tuesday, 6 June	9.00 am	Call by Governor of Djakarta
	10.00 am	
	- noon	Discussions with - (a) President (b) Ministers
	3.30 pm	Calls by Foreign Minister and Finance Minister
	5.30 pm	Reception for Australian community
	8.00 pm	State Dinner
Wednesday, 7 June	8.30 am	Wreath-laying ceremonies
	10.00 am	Lay foundation stone ACI joint project site
	8.00 pm	Return Dinner
Thursday, 8 June	10.00 am	Address to Parliament
	3.00 pm	Depart for Singapore

SINGAPORE

Thursday, 8 June	5.00 pm	Welcoming Ceremony
Friday, 9 June	10.00 am	Call on President
	Morning	Discussions with Prime Minister and Ministers
	2.30 pm	Visit Jurong Town Corporation, Vocational Institute and an Australian firm. Tree planting.
	8.00 pm	State Dinner
Saturday, 10 June	8.30 am	Visit Australian Forces
	Lunch	Singapore Press Club
	6.00 pm	Reception for Australian Community
	8.00 pm	Return Dinner
Sunday, 11 June		Rest day
	4.10 pm	Depart for Kuala Lumpur

MALAYSIA

Sunday 11 June	5.30 pm	Welcoming Ceremony
Monday, 12 June	9.00 am	Wreath-laying
	10.00 am	Talks with Prime Minister and Ministers
	12.45 pm	Audience with Agong
	3.30 pm	Briefing on security situation
	8.15 pm	State Dinner
Tuesday 13 June		Visit Butterworth during morning
	2.00 pm	Inspect civil aviation aid project
	8.30 pm	Return Dinner
Wednesday 14 June	9.00 am	Visit rubber research station
	11.15 am	National operations room briefing
	Lunch	With Deputy Prime Minister
	6.00 pm	Reception for Australian community
	9.00 pm	Depart for Australia
Thursday 15 June	7.20 am	Arrive Sydney.
