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PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TANAKA

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, said today that the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, would visit Australia from 31 October to 6 November 1974.

Mr Whitlam recalled that during his visit to Japan in October 1973 he had invited Mr Tanaka to visit Australia and Mr Tanaka had accepted this invitation.

Mr Tanaka's visit will be the first by a Japanese Prime Minister since Mr Tanaka's predecessor, Mr Eisaku Sato, came to Australia in October 1967.

In welcoming Mr Tanaka's visit, Mr Whitlam said that it would represent a further significant step in the development of friendly and co-operative relations between Australia and Japan.

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