



PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT BY PRINCE HIRO

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam announced tonight that His Imperial Highness Prince Naruhito would visit Australia to gain experience of life abroad and to widen his international perspective. The Japanese Foreign Ministry announced Prince Hiro's visit after a meeting of the Japanese Cabinet early today.

His Imperial Highness Prince Naruhito is in the third year of Middle School. He is to leave Tokyo on 16 August for a stay of 15 days in Australia. He will travel via Sydney to Melbourne arriving there on 17 August. On 27 August and 28 August His Imperial Highness will visit Canberra. He will leave Sydney to return to Tokyo on 30 August.

Mr Whitlam said that the visit by the fourteen-year old eldest son of the Crown Prince of Japan and, after the Crown Prince, heir to the Japanese throne would be private and informal. He added that the visit was designed to allow Prince Hiro to learn something of every day life in Australia.

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