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## PRIME MINISTER

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### VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN

The Prime Minister, the Hon. E.G. Whitlam, Q.C., M.P., today announced details of the itinerary in the Australian Capital Territory for the visit by His Excellency Mr. Kakuei Tanaka, Prime Minister of Japan.

Mr. Tanaka will arrive from New Zealand in a Japan Air Lines Special Flight DC 8 aircraft next Thursday, October 31, to undertake two days of official engagements in the A.C.T.

He will be received at the Fairbairn Air Base by Mr. Whitlam and given a 19-gun salute. On Friday, November 1, Mr. Tanaka will have official discussions with Mr. Whitlam and also with members of Cabinet. Afterwards he will witness the signing of a cultural agreement between Australia and Japan. An Australian Government luncheon, hosted by Mr. Whitlam, will follow. Both Mr. Tanaka and Mr. Whitlam will speak at the luncheon.

In the afternoon Mr. Tanaka will visit the Australian War Memorial and also the Mount Ainslie Lookout.

On Saturday, November 2, Mr. Tanaka will hold a press conference before attending a luncheon at Government House with the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr.

In the afternoon Mr. Tanaka and members of his official party will fly to Sydney. At night Mr. Tanaka will attend a reception given by members of the Japanese community in Sydney. He has no official engagements on Sunday, November 3, before leaving Sydney next day for Perth. Mr. Tanaka's itinerary in Western Australia has already been announced by the Western Australian authorities.

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.

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.

He also revealed that Mr. Tanaka will spend more time in

Australia during his official visit than he had in most other foreign countries he has toured since becoming head of the Japanese Government. Mr. Tanaka will be in Australia for almost six days.

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