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### THE AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION

The Government is to proceed with legislation to establish an Australia-Japan Foundation. This will be done in the Autumn session of Parliament.

The objectives of the Foundation will be to deepen and broaden contacts between Australia and Japan in all fields, including business, academic, cultural, scientific and the trade unions and thereby foster an understanding in each country of the others problems and cultures.

It will promote mutual visits by selected persons, research and comparative studies in the social institutions of the two countries, the social and natural sciences, industrial and creative arts and the humanities.

Those receiving assistance will be competent persons who are already making a contribution to their own sphere of activity.

The establishment of the Foundation will fulfil one of the objectives set out in the Government's foreign policy statement of 6 October 1975.