

PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO JAPAN

The Prime Minister has accepted an invitation from the Government of Japan to visit Japan over the period 15-20 June 1976. He will be accompanied by Mrs Fraser. In announcing his acceptance the Prime Minister said this visit, his first to Japan, reflected the great importance which the Australian Government attaches to its relations with Japan and the firm tradition of regular consultation between the two Governments which have developed over recent years.

During their stay in Japan the Prime Minister and Mrs Fraser will be received in audience by Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress and a court luncheon in their honour is scheduled to be held. While in Tokyo the Prime Minister will hold talks with the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Miki, and other senior members of the Japanese Government. He will also have informal talks with leading members of the Japanese business community.

Mr Fraser will be accompanied by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Andrew Peacock, and senior officials from the Departments of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Foreign Affairs and Overseas Trade.

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