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**PRIME MINISTER**

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THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO CHINA

The Prime Minister has accepted an invitation from the Government of the People's Republic of China to visit China from 20 - 27 June 1976. He will be accompanied by Mrs Fraser, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Andrew Peacock, M.P., and Mrs Peacock. Senior officials from the Departments of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Foreign Affairs and Overseas Trade would make up the official party.

The Prime Minister said he attaches great importance to his first visit to China because of China's stature in world affairs, and particularly in the Asian region.

Mr Fraser also said his visit afforded him an opportunity of meeting Senior Chinese Leaders and to discuss with them matters of mutual interest. In addition it would enable him and the Foreign Minister to see at first hand the achievements of the Chinese people.

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