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PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF IRAN, HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS REZA PAHLAVI

His Imperial Highness Reza Pahlavi, Crown Prince of Iran, has accepted with pleasure the Australian Government's invitation to make a private visit to Australia in January 1978.

His Imperial Highness has also accepted the invitation of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Cowen to be their guest at Government House, Canberra, from 9 to 11 January.

The Prime Minister recalled that The Shah and Shahbanou of Iran had visited Australia in September 1974 and said that the forthcoming visit by The Crown Prince would further strengthen the friendly relations existing between Iran and Australia.