



PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO JAPAN

The Prime Minister announced today that he will visit Japan later this month in response to an invitation extended to him at the time of the visit to Australia of the late Prime Minister Ohira in January 1980.

The Prime Minister will arrive in Tokyo on 20 May from the United States and hold discussions with the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Zenko Suzuki, on 21 May.

The Prime Minister said Japan and Australia shared a common interest in having an exchange of views at the highest level before Mr Suzuki attended the Versailles Economic Summit in June. As partners in the Western Pacific with common links with Western industrial countries, Japan and Australia shared many interests and the Prime Minister welcomed this opportunity to discuss these with the Japanese Prime Minister.

The visit will also provide an opportunity to exchange views on important developments in the region, and internationally.

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