



PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT TO MALAYSIA

I shall be visiting Malaysia from 2 to 4 August in response to an invitation extended to me by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Australia's relations with Malaysia are long standing and important. They cover mutual interests in the region and a wide range of activities including trade and Malaysian students in Australia. Malaysia is a member of the Association of the South East Asian Nations to which Australia attaches high priority.

Malaysia and Australia have a common concern for the peace and security of South East Asia, a region which encompasses vital Australian interests.

I am looking forward to my discussions with the Malaysian Prime Minister and to hearing at first hand about the policies of the new Malaysian Government. The visit will provide an opportunity to discuss the further development of bilateral relations as well as important regional and international developments of mutual interest.