



PRIME MINISTER

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I shall be visiting Thailand on November 19-22, 1983 at the invitation of the Thai Prime Minister, General Prem Tinsulanonda. I shall be having discussions with General Prem and his colleagues on matters of substantial importance to both our Governments.

The region of which Thailand and Australia are members is of fundamental strategic and economic interest to both countries, and our respective Governments share a commitment to the enhancement of the region's stability and prosperity.

Thailand, both in a bilateral sense and as a member of ASEAN is of great importance to Australia's foreign policy interests and I will be looking, in my discussions, for ways of developing further the relationship between Australia and Thailand.