



## PRIME MINISTER

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Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand is to visit Australia for the first time from October 17 - 29 as a guest of the Commonwealth Government.

This visit will strengthen the friendly and close relations already existing between Australia and Thailand.

Whilst in Australia the Princess will observe techniques for dry land farming, irrigation and crop production which could be particularly relevant to her country.

The Princess will visit CSIRO in Canberra and Perth, the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area and Gatton Agricultural College in Queensland.

She will also meet members of the Thai community in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth and visit Alice Springs.

In Canberra Her Royal Highness will be the guest of the Governor-General and Lady Stephen.