



ACTING **PRIME MINISTER**

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Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Stephen will be visiting Thailand from 14 to 21 January 1987 at the invitation of His Majesty the King of Thailand. Their Excellencies' visit to Thailand will follow the very successful visit to Australia in December 1985 of the Crown Prince of Thailand, HRH Maha Vajiralongkorn.

During their stay, as well as visiting Bangkok and Chiang Mai, Their Excellencies will travel to the ancient capital of Sukhothai, including a visit to the historical site of Si Satchanalai and the joint Thai Australian Ceramics Archaeological Project. At Kanchanaburi, they will participate in a wreath laying ceremony at Australian war graves.

The visit, the first by an Australian Governor-General to Thailand, is an important mark of the friendly and active relationship between Australia and Thailand, which encompasses a wide range of areas, including joint efforts on international trade issues, commerce, development assistance, defence co-operation and cultural exchanges.

Sir James Rowland, Governor of New South Wales, will administer the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia during the Governor-General's absence.