



PRIME MINISTER

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The Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, GCMG, CH, will visit Australia from 11-20 April at the invitation of the Australian Government.

Mr Lee will be accompanied by Mrs Lee and senior Government officials.

Australia has important and close links with Singapore. We are regional neighbours, fellow members of the Commonwealth, partners under the Five Power Defence Arrangement and have an important bilateral relationship. Australia and Singapore share fundamental interests in the stability, security and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region.

Prime Minister Lee has visited Australia on several occasions. He welcomed me most warmly on my visit to Singapore in February 1984. I particularly look forward to reciprocating this welcome in Australia and to continuing our dialogue on major world and regional issues.

On the economic side, I expect our discussions to cover the state of and prospects for the world economy and the economy of our region, as well as the bilateral relationship between Australia and Singapore. On the political side, I expect to exchange views on topics of major world concern, including East-West relations, and the current situation in the Asia-Pacific region.

As well as Canberra, Mr Lee will visit South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland.