



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

26 OCTOBER 1988

President Roh Tae Woo of the Republic of Korea will visit Australia from 5 to 8 November 1988 at the invitation of the Australian Government. President Roh will be accompanied by his wife and a party of senior political figures and officials. He will visit Sydney and Canberra.

The Republic of Korea is a major industrial country of the Pacific Rim and is of great significance to Australia. Trade and economic cooperation between our two countries are expanding rapidly, and the cultural and political aspects of our relationship are also developing.

Apart from a short visit to New York to address the United Nations, this will be President Roh's first overseas state visit since assuming office.

I will be discussing a range of current bilateral issues with President Roh as well as reviewing with him regional and global developments. President Roh will meet the Governor-General and also have discussions with Ministers who have portfolio interests in the Australia-Korea relationship.