



PRIME MINISTER

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**STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P.J. KEATING MP
VISIT TO JAPAN, SINGAPORE AND CAMBODIA**

As the guest of the Japanese and Singaporean Governments, I shall be visiting Japan from 20 to 24 September, and Singapore from 24 to 25 September. If circumstances allow, I also propose making a one-day visit to Cambodia on 26 September.

The primary purpose of my visit to Japan will be to exchange views with Prime Minister Miyazawa, his Ministers, and senior financial and business leaders on Australia-Japan relations and the wider outlook for our two countries' interests in an increasingly fluid international political and economic environment.

Japan has been Australia's leading trading partner for many years and is a major source of investment into Australia. In keeping with the mature relationship between our countries, the two governments maintain a vigorous dialogue on a wide range of regional and international issues of shared concern.

In Singapore, I shall have an opportunity for detailed discussions with Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and his Ministers. Singapore is Australia's fourth largest export market and a longstanding regional partner of considerable importance. My program and discussions will reflect the range of interests we share with Singapore including in the commercial and defence areas.

My proposed visit to Cambodia is intended to underline Australia's firm support for the peace process at a time when serious difficulties have been encountered. I shall have an opportunity to meet His Royal Highness Prince Sihanouk, other members of the Supreme National Council and senior United Nations representatives. I also look forward to reaffirming the Government's appreciation of the efforts of the Australian military and civilian personnel serving with the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia.

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