



PRIME MINISTER

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING, MP

PRIME MINISTER'S ATTENDANCE AT COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING AND VISIT TO INDONESIA 20-28 OCTOBER 1993

I will be attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting to be held in Limassol, Cyprus, from 21-25 October.

Australia values its membership of the Commonwealth, and I look forward to joining colleagues from around fifty countries for discussions on a wide range of political and economic issues.

I also look forward to meeting individually with a number of Commonwealth leaders, particularly from Australia's region.

With President Soeharto's agreement, I will also be making a short visit to Indonesia from 26-28 October. Since my visit to Jakarta in April last year, good progress has been made in the development of our already extensive bilateral relationship with Indonesia, including the first meeting of the Australia-Indonesia Ministerial Forum in November 1992.

My meeting with President Soeharto will provide a timely opportunity both to take stock of this progress and to discuss a number of important regional issues. I will be particularly interested to discuss developments in APEC with President Soeharto before the November APEC Leaders' Economic Meeting in Seattle, to which we have both been invited, and before Indonesia takes over as chair of APEC in 1994.

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