



PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW FOR PRESIDENT ANDROPOV'S  
FUNERAL

JAPAN

POINTS TO MAKE

1. Looking forward to Mr Nakasone's visit for Economic Summit in June and for bilateral visit thereafter. Other Ministers of course welcome at same time.
2. Consultations at Foreign Minister level now fixed for 25-27 April in Tokyo. Much to discuss in present situation, about East-West relations in particular.
3. Interested in any immediate thoughts from Japanese side on effects of Andropov's death and on the succession.
4. On economic side, signature of agreement for Nissan investment in Britain on 1 February a welcome resolution of longstanding discussions. Grateful for role played by Japanese Government. Naturally hope Nissan will decide in favour of full scale manufacturing operation in second phase.
5. Wish Mr Nakasone well in task of piloting budget through Diet in next two months.



## JAPAN : ESSENTIAL FACTS

1. No major points at issue with Japanese at present other than longstanding differences over Japanese trade surplus.
2. Mr Nakasone has been invited to stay on in London after the Economic Summit for bilateral visit including talks and lunch with Mrs Thatcher on Monday, 11 June. No formal answer yet but we are told he is likely to arrive early on 5 June so as to recover from jet-lag before the summit, and fly on to Bonn on the morning of 12 June. Other Summit Ministers will presumably stay here with him throughout.
3. Dates of Sir Geoffrey Howe's April visit to Far East have been confirmed to Japanese (and Koreans);(Seoul dates set for 23-25 April), but no decision has yet been taken on a visit to China at that time and this possibility has not been mentioned to Japanese.
4. Nissan agreement is for assembly in UK starting in 1985 of 24,000 cars a year, which will be counted as imports from Japan for purposes of voluntary restraint agreement. Decision on expanding to 100,000 cars a year will be taken in 1987, for production level to be reached in 1990 and local content level of 80% to be reached by mid-1991.
5. Crown Prince and Princess are to visit UK privately from 4-7 March to see their son Prince Hiro now at Oxford. They will lunch with The Queen but no engagements involving HMG are planned.



6. As of 12 February, Mr Nakasone is not intending to come to the funeral. Japan is likely to be represented by Foreign Minister Abe.

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