<u>Visit to Australia by Vice President</u> of the United States, Mike Pence

We look forward to welcoming the Vice President of the United States, Mike Pence, to Australia on April 22.

The Vice President's visit, so early in the term of the new Administration, underlines the strength of our alliance.

Vice President Pence will also visit the Republic of Korea, Japan and Indonesia. The Australian Government believes that United States engagement in the Asia Pacific remains absolutely crucial to the region's stability and prosperity.

Vice President Pence's visit provides an important opportunity to discuss the depth and breadth of Australia's strategic, security and economic relationship with the United States, and to underline our commitment to work with the Trump Administration to advance our shared interests in our region and globally.

In addition to engaging with Government, Vice President Pence will also meet business leaders and representatives of the Australia-US community in Sydney.