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Australian House of Representatives Speaker visits Vietnam

Mr. Harry Jenkins met with HCM City's officials, worked with the ANZ Bank, an Australian bank that was just licensed to open a wholly-foreign owned bank in Vietnam, and visited a vocational training centre in Go Vap district.

Jenkins will go to Hanoi to talk with the National Assembly Chairman Nguyen Phu Trong and meet with Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung.

On January 8, he will pay a visit to Protec Plant at the Noi Bai Industrial Zone, in Soc Son District, Hanoi, where Australian representatives to announce its funding of US \$100,000 to the Asia Injury Prevention Foundation.

The Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives will visit the Van Phuc Silk Village, the Bat Trang Pottery Village, the Hanoi old quarters, and the Temple of Literature in and the Ha Long Bay in Quang Ninh province before leaving Vietnam on January 11.

During a visit to Australia last March by the National Assembly Chairman Nguyen Phu Trong, the two congresses signed an important cooperation agreement.

According to the Australian Embassy in Hanoi, many high-ranking officials of Australia will pay visits to Vietnam this year.

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