

Ford to Go to Japan Nov. 19 for 3-Day Visit

President Ford will make a three-day trip to Japan beginning Nov. 19, it was announced here and in Tokyo yesterday.

Mr. Ford thus will become the first American President to visit Japan.

President Eisenhower's scheduled visit to Japan in 1960 was canceled at the last minute because of leftist demonstrations against him.

Former President Nixon had agreed with the Japanese government that he would visit Japan in 1974, and he was particularly eager to make the trip. One reason he wanted to go was to attempt to erase criticism of him in Japan for the two 1971 "Nixon shocks:" his announcement of intention to visit China and his new economic policy, which he imposed a surcharge on imported

goods entering the United States.

A White House announcement said that Mrs. Ford would accompany her husband and that "the itinerary and other details will be decided in discussions between the two governments."

Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, who conferred on several occasions with Mr. Nixon, is scheduled to meet with

President Ford at the White House Sept. 21.

Tanaka will stop in Washington briefly between visits to Canada and Latin America.

There has been speculation that the President's trip may be expanded to include other Asian countries, such as India or China.

The visit is the first foreign trip announced for the new President.