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Mrs. Ford and Susan Ford will visit Mini Indonesia with Mrs. Suharto this morning and participate in a tree planting ceremony.

Mrs. Ford, Susan and Mrs. Suharto will be met in the West Java Pavilion by Gov. (Lt. Gen.) and Mrs. Ali Sadikin of Jakarta and Gov. (Maj. Gen.) and Mrs. Aang Kunaefi of West Java.

Mrs. Ford and Susan will be presented with a Wayang, a puppet often made of leather representing one of the characters in the Indonesian story of Ramayana, a traditional story of the Gods and Goddesses of early religions.

Mrs. Ford will plant a Banyon tree between the park's pavilions and lagoon, as visiting wives of heads of state have done since the park was completed.

Following the tree planting, Mrs. Ford and Susan will tour the park in an open mini-bus. Before departing for the airport, Mrs. Suharto plans to present Mrs. Ford with a book describing Indonesia Indah (the park) and a set of coins commemorating the park.

Mini Indonesia is a large park covering approximately 100 hectares of land adjacent to the Halim International Airport. It features typical traditional houses of Indonesia representing its 26 provinces. Mrs. Suharto is credited with creating the concept of the park and has been the main driving force in developing it.

Mini Indonesia contains a museum, recreation areas, an aviary and zoological park. It also contains orchid gardens, a special interest of Mrs. Suharto's. The park was conceived as a means of allowing Indonesian and foreign visitors to learn about the variety of traditional cultures of Indonesia and to encourage the preservation of the traditions.

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