



HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

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## DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

Tuesday, October 26, 1971

### H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ANNE'S FIRST DAY OF OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES

Includes Visit To New Hospital And Children's Centre

Chance For Thousands To See Her enroute

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Thousands of people will be able to see Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne tomorrow when she starts her first day of official activities in Hong Kong.

They will see the Princess when she visits various places, and along the routes she will travel by on Hong Kong island and in Kowloon.

In the morning, H.R.H. The Princess Anne will lay the foundation stone at the new Lai Chi Kok Hospital, and visit the Save the Children Fund Wong Tai Sin Rehabilitation Centre in Wong Tai Sin Resettlement Estate; the Social Welfare Department's Children's Reception Centre at Lung Fung Street, Chuk Yuen. In the afternoon, she will visit the Po Leung Kuk at Leighton Road; the Tung Wah Hospital at Po Yan Street; and the Man Mo Temple at Hollywood Road.

Her Royal Highness will leave Government House for Queen's Pier at 10.10 a.m. She will travel along Upper Albert Road, slip road to Garden Road, Jackson Road, Chater Road, Club Street, Connaught Road Central (U-turn), Connaught Road Central and Murray Road.

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At Queen's Pier, the Princess will board the "Tin Hau" and leave for Lai Chi Kok. She will go ashore at the Mei Foo Sun Chuen jetty and then proceed by car to the new Lai Chi Kok Hospital site at about 10.40 a.m. The motorcade will go along Mei Foo Sun Chuen jetty and through Lai Chi Kok Amusement Park parking area to the site.

After the foundation-stone laying ceremony, Princess Anne will leave the hospital site at 11.25 a.m. for Save the Children Fund Rehabilitation Centre at Wong Tai Sin. She will travel along Lai Chi Kok Beach Road, Castle Peak Road, Ching Cheung Road, Taipo Road, Lung Cheung Road, Fung Mo Street, Tung Tau Tsuen Road, and Tai Shing Street.

Leave For Chuk Yuen

From Wong Tai Sin, she will leave at noon for the Social Welfare Department's Children's Reception Centre at Chuk Yuen. She will travel along Tai Shing Street, Tung Tau Tsuen Road, Shatin Pass Road and Lung Fung Street.

After visiting the Centre, the Princess will leave at 12.15 p.m. for Kowloon Public Pier. The motorcade will go along Lung Fung Street, Sheung Fung Street, Fung Tak Road, Shatin Pass Road, Lung Cheung Road, Waterloo Road, Princess Margaret Road, Chatham Road, and Salisbury Road.

From the pier, she will cross the harbour aboard "The Lady Maurine" to Queen's Pier, where she will depart at 12.40 p.m. for Government House. She will travel along Murray Road, Harcourt Road, Cotton Tree Drive, Kennedy Road, and Upper Albert Road.

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At 2.10 p.m. Her Royal Highness will leave Government House for the Po Leung Kuk. The motorcade will go along Upper Albert Road, slip road to Garden Road, slip road to Kennedy Road, Queen's Road East, Morrison Hill Road, Wongneichong Road, Broadwood Road, and Link Road.

The Princess will leave the Po Leung Kuk for the Tung Wah Hospital at 2.35 p.m., travelling along Link Road, Broadwood Road, Wongneichong Road, Queen's Road East, Kennedy Road, Macdonnell Road, Garden Road, Queen's Road Central, Hollywood Road and Po Yan Street.

She will leave the hospital at 3.05 p.m. and drive to the Man Mo Temple via Po Yan Street and Hollywood Road.

Sightseeing

After visiting the Temple, and sightseeing, she will drive to Government House at 4 p.m. via Hollywood Road, Arbuthnot Road and Upper Albert Road.

On the lawn of Government House, Princess Anne will watch a fly past of Royal Naval fixed wing aircraft of H.M.S. Eagle at 4.30 p.m.

She will leave Government House at 6 p.m. for the Central Government Offices to attend a reception for the Press. She will travel along Upper Albert Road and Lower Albert Road.

At 6.45 p.m., the Princess will drive back to Government House via Lower Albert Road, Wyndham Street, Glenealy and Upper Albert Road.

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ROYAL VISIT -- PRESS COVERAGE

Transport Arrangements

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Note To Editors:

Transport will be provided for press representatives accredited to cover the visit tomorrow (October 27) of H.R.H. The Princess Anne to the New Lai Chi Kok Hospital; the Wong Tai Sin Save The Children Fund Rehabilitation Centre; and to Chuk Yuen Children's Reception Centre.

Royal Visit Press buses will leave Kowloon Public Pier as follows:-

For New Lai Chi Kok Hospital ..... at 9.00 a.m.

For Wong Tai Sin Save the  
Children Fund Rehabilitation Centre ... at 10.45 a.m.

Transport will also be available at Wong Tai Sin to take press representatives to Chuk Yuen Children's Reception Centre. Press buses will follow the Royal Car when it leaves Wong Tai Sin.

The bus will leave punctually at the times stated above.

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VISIT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ANNE

Press Arrangements

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IMPORTANT NOTE TO EDITORS:

Tomorrow - at 4.30 p.m. - Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne will be watching a fly-past of Royal Naval fixed wing aircraft of H.M.S. Eagle from the lawns of Government House. There will be no press facilities inside Government House, but photographers using tele-photo lens can take good photographs of H.R.H. on the lawns of Government House from nearby high-rise buildings such as Club Lusitano and the West Wing of the Central Government Offices. Admission to the roof of the Central Government Offices will be by badges issued by the Information Services Department. These may be obtained from the Press Room. Those wishing to use the roof of Club Lusitano are requested to obtain permission from the Club management.

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VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ANNE

Official Programme For Wednesday, 27.10.71

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Note to Editors: The following is the Royal Visit Programme  
for Wednesday, 27th October, 1971:-

- 9.30 a.m. Miss Jean Atkins, Field Director of Save the Children Fund,  
will call on H.R.H. at Government House.
- 10.10 a.m. H.R.H. will leave Government House for Queen's Pier accompanied  
by Mrs. Fisher.
- 10.15 a.m. Leave Queen's Pier for Lai Chi Kok aboard the 'Tin Hau'. H.E.  
will travel to Lai Chi Kok by helicopter arriving at the site of  
the ceremony at 10.42 a.m.

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- 10.45 a.m. H.R.H. will be received by H.E. at the site of the ceremony.  
H.E. after presenting  
The Director of Public Works, The Hon. J.J.  
Robson,  
The Director of Medical & Health Services,  
Dr. The Hon. G.H. Choa,  
will escort H.R.H. to the dais where the following, already  
on the dais, will be presented to H.R.H. before being seated:  
The Acting Colonial Secretary, The Hon.  
M.D.A. Clinton, C.M.G., G.M. and Mrs.  
Clinton.  
Mrs. Robson.  
Mrs. Choa,  
The Project Architect, Mr. Edwin Wong and  
Mrs. Wong.

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The National Anthem will be played by the Band of The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

The Acting Governor will make a short speech. (The speech will be translated into Cantonese).

H.R.H. will speak. (The speech will be translated into Cantonese).

H.R.H. accompanied by H.E., the Director of Public Works, the Director of Medical & Health Services and the Project Architect will proceed to the Foundation Stone at the west side of the dais.

Mr. Edwin Wong, Project Architect, will present H.R.H. with a maul and trowel.

H.R.H. will lay the Foundation Stone, assisted by the Clerk of Works, Mr. Fung Yuk-wah.

H.R.H. will be invited by the Acting Governor to view the model of the full development of the hospital site, accompanied by the Director of Public Works, the Director of Medical & Health Services and the Project Architect. While H.R.H. is inspecting the model, the following persons concerned with the planning and construction of the hospital will assemble in line east of the dais for presentation by the Director of Public Works:

Mr. C.R.J. Donnithorne, Director of Building Development.

Mr. W.E. Levie, Principal Government Architect.

Mr. Johnson Lau Yu, Site Architect.

Mr. K.M. Chan, Project Structural Engineer.

Mr. A.C. Milne, Project Quantity Surveyor.

Mr. David Yeung, Project Building Services Engineer.

Mr. Fung Yuk-wah, Clerk of Works.

Mr. Raymond Sung, General Contractor.

Mr. C.F. Sung, General Contractor.

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by the Director of Medical & Health Services:

Dr. C.O. Lee, Deputy Director of Medical & Health Services (Medical).

Dr. J.K. Craig, M.B.E., Deputy Director of Medical & Health Services (Health).

Dr. S.H. Lee, Principal Medical & Health Officer (Planning).

Miss K.J. Veevers, Principal Nursing Officer.

Mr. A.E. Starling, Chief Hospital Secretary.

H.R.H. accompanied by H.E. will return to the car.

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		Mr.			Miss		A.D.C.				
		Bryant	Equerry		Dawnay		to H.E.				
Mrs.	Mrs.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mr.	H.R.H.	H.E.	Mrs.	Mr.	Mrs.	Mr.	
Wong	Robson	Choa	Clinton	Robson			Fisher	Clinton	Choa	Wong	

11.25 a.m. H.R.H. will enter the car and leave for Wong Tai Sin via Ching Cheung Road and Lung Cheung Road accompanied by Mrs. Fisher.

Wong Tai Sin

11.40 a.m. Arrive at the Save the Children Fund Wong Tai Sin Rehabilitation Centre, Block 25, Wong Tai Sin Resettlement Estate. H.R.H. will leave the car and will be welcomed by Miss Atkins, Field Director, who will present:

Mrs. D.K. Newbigging, Chairman of Hong Kong Committee, S.C.F.

Miss Helen Chen, Administrative Assistant.

Miss Joanna Ho, Superintendent (Wang Tau Hom Training Centre).

Miss Law Wai-king, Superintendent.

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H.R.H. will tour the Centre, Miss Atkins presenting the staff.

H.R.H. will be invited to sign the Visitors' Book in the Play Room before leaving.

12.00 p.m. H.R.H. will enter the car and leave the Centre to drive to Chuk Yuen.

Chuk Yuen

12.05 p.m. Arrive at the Social Welfare Department's Children's Reception Centre, Lung Fung Street, Chuk Yuen. H.R.H. will leave the car and will be welcomed by The Hon. G.T. Rowe, Director of Social Welfare, who will escort H.R.H. up the steps and present Mrs. Lee Ng Tak-ching (Superintendent).

H.R.H. will tour the Centre, visiting the second floor and then the ground floor.

Mrs. Lee will present Mrs. Pauline Kwong (Case-worker) and senior members of the staff.

H.R.H. will be invited to sign the Visitors' Book in the Waiting Room.

The Director of Social Welfare will escort H.R.H. to the car.

12.15 p.m. H.R.H. will enter the car, and drive to Kowloon Public Pier via Lung Cheung Road, Waterloo Road and Princess Margaret Road.

12.30 p.m. Leave Kowloon Public Pier for Queen's Pier aboard 'The Lady Maurine'.

12.40 p.m. Arrive Queen's Pier.

12.45 p.m. Arrive Government House.

1.00 p.m. Luncheon Party at Government House.

2.10 p.m. H.R.H. will leave Government House for the Po Leung Kuk.

Po Leung Kuk

2.20 p.m. On arrival at the Po Leung Kuk, Leighton Road, H.R.H. will be greeted by the Secretary for Home Affairs, the Hon. D.C.C. Luddington, who will present the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. C.H. Leung. Mrs. Leung will then present the members of the Committee, and a group photograph will be taken.

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2.35 p.m. H.R.H. will leave the Po Leung Kuk for the Tung Wah Hospital.

Tung Wah Hospital

2.50 p.m. On arrival at the Tung Wah Hospital, Po Yan Street, H.R.H. will be greeted by the Secretary for Home Affairs, the Hon. D.C.C. Luddington, who will present the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, Mr. Philip K.H. Wong. Mr. Wong will present the members of the Board and escort H.R.H. to the Ceremonial Hall where a group photograph will be taken.

3.05 p.m. Leave the Tung Wah Hospital and drive to the Man Mo Temple.

Man Mo Temple

3.10 p.m. Arrive at the Man Mo Temple, Hollywood Road. Mr. Wong and the First Vice-Chairman, Mr. Raymond Y.K. Kan will receive H.R.H. and escort her into the Temple.

3.20 p.m. Leave the Man Mo Temple.  
H.R.H. will leave the Man Mo Temple, accompanied by Miss Dawnay, and drive to Government House after sightseeing.

4.15 p.m. Arrive at Government House.

Fly Past

4.30 p.m. H.R.H., on the lawn of Government House, will watch a fly past of Royal Naval fixed wing aircraft of H.M.S. Eagle.

Press Reception

6.00 p.m. H.R.H. will leave Government House for the Central Government Offices to attend a reception for the Press.

6.45 p.m. H.R.H. will return to Government House.

8.15 p.m. Dinner Party at Government House.

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RAPID EXPANSION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME

\$5.1 Million Spent On 13,000 Families In Last Six Months

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Thirteen thousand families received cash grants totalling \$5.1 million under the Public Assistance Scheme in the last six months between April and September.

During the same period last year, only \$1.7 million was spent. Also, when the Scheme was expanded this April, there were only eight field units to attend to applications, and now there are ten. In December, these will grow to 11, and by January next year to 13.

It is planned that future development of field units will continue to be on the basis of one field unit for every 1,000 cases.

Giving these figures at a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East today, Mr. Lu Yu-hua, Principal Public Assistance Social Welfare Officer in charge of Operations, said the Scheme was expanding so rapidly there was now no doubt in his view the target figure of 15,000 cases by the end of this financial year would be reached.

He based his optimism on the fact that new cases for September exceeded 1,000, and this rate of applications -- judging from statistics already to hand for October -- was showing no signs of falling off.

Mr. Lu assured critics of the Scheme -- who had expressed fears that Government concern would gradually taper off once the target figure of 15,000 cases had been reached -- such a conclusion was untrue.

"The Government's responsibility under the Scheme is unlimited," he emphasised.

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Replying to another criticism that the eligibility criteria was "too low", he said the Scheme was constantly under review. It had always been intended that the Scheme should be revised from time to time, taking into account variables such as the cost of living and the value of money.

He hoped that an "appropriate revision" of both criteria and procedure could be implemented soon on the basis of proposals that had already been made.

Mr. Lu referred to the Scheme as an exercise in "human dignity." By making cash available to the qualifying needy under conditions that neither smacked of charity nor the dispensation of alms, the Scheme contributed to positive social welfare.

The recipients were not humbled by acceptance of the grant. The cash was intended to help tide them over a difficult time and to enable them to stand on their own feet again.

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Note to Editors: Copies in Chinese and English of the full text of Mr. Lu's speech are distributed separately in the Press boxes, Government Information Services, this evening.

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PRESENTATION OF SAFETY CERTIFICATES

By Mr. T.K. Ann

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Mr. T.K. Ann, Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, will present certificates on Thursday (October 28) to 20 supervisors from Government departments and private industry at the end of a course on manual lifting and handling at the Industrial Safety Training Centre of the Labour Department.

The Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Paul K.C. Tsui, will introduce Mr. Ann to members of the course.

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Note to Editors: The ceremony at the Industrial Safety Training Centre, Kowloon Regional Office, Labour Department, Canton Road Government Offices, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon is at 12.00 noon. You are welcome to send a reporter and a photographer.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SWIMMING POOLS

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The Victoria Park Swimming Pool on Hong Kong Island will be closed to public use from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, October 28, when Cognitio College will be using the pool for its swimming gala.

The same pool will be closed again from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following day when the Hong Kong Schools Sports Association will be using the pool.

In Kowloon, the Morse Park Swimming Pool will be closed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, October 29, when the Kowloon Technical School will be holding its swimming gala.

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EXPORTERS OF GREY AND BLEACHED FABRICS TO ITALY

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The Director of Commerce & Industry today informed Hong Kong manufacturers and exporters that he has issued a notice regarding certain control arrangements for the export of grey and bleached fabrics to Italy for shipment on or before December 31, 1971.

Trade Associations and companies on the Commerce & Industry Department's mailing list for Notice to Exporters, Series 3 (E.E.C. countries) will receive copies of the above Notice shortly but persons who wish to seek advance notice of its contents are invited to contact the following officers of the Commerce & Industry Department: Mr. J.H.Y. Lam - Industry Assistant Tel. No. H-228513; Mrs. R.H.C. Liu - Confidential Assistant Tel. No. H-228513.

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DANGER OF GRASS FIRES

Royal Observatory Warning

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A Royal Observatory spokesman today warned members of the public who plan to visit the countryside tomorrow of the danger of grass fires due to the very dry weather.

He said there had been no measurable rainfall for two weeks and the relative humidity was low.

He advised people who visit the countryside to be very careful not to start any grass fires.

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RESUMPTION OF SURFACE PARCEL SERVICE TO U.S.A.

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The Postmaster General announced today that the normal surface parcel service to the U.S.A. has been resumed.

This follows advice from the U.S. Post Office that it is again in a position to receive surface parcel mails now that the dock strike at United States West Coast ports has been lifted.

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WHAT THE PRINCESS WORE

Note to Editors: On her arrival in Hong Kong, Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne wore a sleeveless dress with high collar and a jacket of cream silk Ottoman decorated with bands of beige lace.

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A ROYAL JOURNEY ACROSS HONG KONG HARBOUR

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ANNE ARRIVES

By Peter Iliffe-Moon

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Today H.R.H. The Princess Anne led a small armada of launches and small craft of every description across Hong Kong's historic harbour at the start of her seven-day visit to the Colony.

After being met at Kai Tak airport by the Acting Governor Sir Hugh Norman-Walker, the young Princess drove the short distance to Promontory Pier, where she was received by the Director of Marine Mr. K. Milburn O.B.E. and Mrs. Milburn. Her Royal Highness then stepped aboard the Governor's private launch, the Lady Maurine.

Promontory Pier lies two thirds of the way along the Kai Tak airport runway, which extends south for more than a mile into the harbour itself. At 3.10 p.m. the Lady Maurine, flanked by H.M.S. Beachampton and H.M.S. Kirkliston, left the pier accompanied by a flotilla of vessels -- including the fireboat Alexander Grantham -- on the brief but history-making journey to Hong Kong Island.

Princess Anne did not choose the comparative luxury of the Lady Maurine's three staterooms or two lounges, but stayed on the open fore deck -- standing all the way obviously absorbed by the view and her unique reception by sampans, junks and other vessels.

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The elegant prow of the Lady Maurine cut proudly through the harbour waters. The beautiful launch was designed by the Marine Department and built, entirely in teak, some 15 years ago. It is exquisitely fitted throughout -- a proud example of Hong Kong's boatbuilding expertise and craftsmanship.

Flanking the Princess' launch on the port side was the H.M.S. Beachampton, a 360-ton minesweeper -- which had only arrived from the Persian Gulf a month previously, to take up service in Hong Kong. The 153-foot long Royal Navy ship is under the command of Lt. Commander Bracelin.

#### Minehunter

On the starboard side of Her Royal Highness was the 360-ton minehunter H.M.S. Kirkliston, under the command of Lt. Commander Robinson -- a ship which featured prominently in the relief operations following the destructive passage of Typhoon Rose.

Princess Anne, dressed in light beige coloured two-piece suit with matching hat, looked from side to side of the deck, to the north she was seen pointing out the harbour tunnel prefabricating-yard west of the industrial area of Hung Hom, to the south the imposing green and mountainous slopes of Hong Kong Island. The high-rise buildings clustered along the shoreline of Shaukiwan and North Point, the busy dockyards contrasting with the clear-cut hills behind.

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After passing Causeway Bay typhoon shelter with its hundreds of junks and yachts, the Lady Maurine cruised towards Wanchai. As the launch approached the floating cranes working on the surface above the near completed cross-harbour tunnel, Princess Anne was shown by Sir Hugh Norman-Walker, the short distance that the tunnel has yet to go, only a few hundred yards now separate Hung Hom from Wanchai on the Island -- soon to be a five-minute drive away from each other.

At approximately 3.30 p.m. Princess Anne was standing pointing out the Victoria Peak which had begun to loom in the middle-distance -- the Central District skyscrapers growing larger and more impressive with every minute.

#### 21-Gun Salute

As the Royal launch approached Central District, a 21-gun salute was fired from H.M.S. Eagle, H.M.S. Tamar and by the 14th/20th King's Hussars -- booming from apparently a hundred directions, as the sound echoed between mountains and the mass of buildings.

Nearing the end of the 3-mile journey, the Lady Maurine was dwarfed by the giant hull of the 43,000-ton aircraft carrier H.M.S. Eagle, with the crew dressed in white parading the lower deck. The massive flight deck sporting a brace of sophisticated weaponry, in the form of Buccaneer, Sea Vixen and Gannet fighter planes, and its squadron of Sea-king helicopters.

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A further reminder of the Princess', and the Colony's heritage, was another ship of the Royal Navy, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Reliant. Looking resplendent, dressed overall in a blaze of multicoloured flags, the Reliant was moved alongside and partially obscuring the Princess' view of the Colony's Royal Navy base H.M.S. Tamar, and the visiting frigate of the Australian Navy H.M.A.S. Derwent also dressed overall.

Princess Anne took one final look around her, to Tsimshatsui, north of the Island's Central District and buzzing around her to the northwest a swarm of small boats, tiny passenger 'wallah-wallahs', the famous green and white Star ferries.

Looking westward, the Princess saw dozens of cargo ships busily going about their work of loading and unloading. Not even a Royal visitor could bring this non-stop port completely to a standstill -- but the young Princess certainly caught their attention, and imagination. All eyes were on the Lady Maurine as she bore her youthful passenger alongside at Queen's Pier.

At 3.35 p.m. H.R.H. The Princess Anne stepped ashore for the first time on Hong Kong Island -- adding a page to the remarkable history of this British Crown Colony, which spans more than 130 years.

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Release time: 7.30 p.m.