



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TO VISIT HK NEXT MONTH

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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, WITH HER HUSBAND THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY WILL COME TO HONG KONG EARLY NEXT MONTH ON AN EIGHT-DAY VISIT (FEBRUARY 2 TO 9) TO RENEW HER VERY WARM FRIENDSHIP WITH HONG KONG.

THE PRINCESS, WHO IS NO STRANGER TO HONG KONG, WILL OPEN THE ARTS FESTIVAL, WHICH NOW IN ITS FIFTH SUCCESSFUL YEAR, HAS GAINED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION BY BRINGING TOGETHER THE BEST IN PERFORMING ART, FROM THE EAST AS WELL AS THE WEST AND FROM BOTH TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY REPERTOIRES.

THIS IS THE FIFTH VISIT HER ROYAL HIGHNESS IS PAYING TO HONG KONG, THE FIRST IN 1961.

DURING HER STAY, THE PRINCESS WILL VISIT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, WHICH PROVIDES THE PUBLIC WITH EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL OUTLETS FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY. HRH WILL ALSO VISIT THE NEWLY OPENED OCEAN PARK.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL ALSO SEE SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG IN PROVIDING HIGHER EDUCATION AND SUBSIDISED HOUSING FOR A RAPIDLY EXPANDING POPULATION, AT THE POLYTECHNIC AND AT LEK YUEN ESTATE IN SHA TIN.

AS HONORARY COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE THE PRINCESS WILL BE ACCORDED A SPECIAL WELCOME BY ITS MEMBERS. HRH WILL VISIT THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL, WHICH HAS BEEN GRADUALLY STRENGTHENING OUR POLICE FORCE BY FEEDING IT WITH QUALITY RECRUITS. HRH WILL ALSO VISIT ONE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE UNITS, WHICH HAVE BEEN SET UP TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE.

THE PRINCESS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ALL THE 177,900 JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS WHO ARE FRIENDS AND HELPERS OF THE POLICE AND REPRESENT AN IMMENSE FORCE OF MOTIVATED YOUNGSTERS CONSCIOUS OF THEIR CIVIC DUTIES. HOWEVER, HRH WILL MEET A GATHERING OF THEM AT A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SEE THEM ENGAGED IN THEIR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE PRINCESS WILL SEE A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE TOO AND A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING HER. AT A RECEPTION IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE HOSTED BY THE GOVERNOR, HRH WILL MIX AND TALK WITH MANY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. BESIDES MEMBERS OF THE UMELCO AND URBAN COUNCIL, HRH WILL ALSO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

THE PRINCESS WILL ALSO JOIN RESIDENTS OF TSZ WAN SHAN IN THEIR LOCAL PLAYGROUND AND BE ONE OF THE SPECTATORS TO A FOLK FESTIVAL OF SINGING, DANCING AND ACROBATICS ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS FIRST HERE IN NOVEMBER 1961. DURING HER STAY, THE PRINCESS ATTENDED A CONGREGATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND RECEIVED THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAW.

THE PRINCESS RETURNED WITH MR. OGILVY IN SEPTEMBER 1965 AND IN FEBRUARY 1967 ON SHORT INFORMAL VISITS AND IN OCTOBER 1972 THEY WERE HERE TO OPEN A BRITISH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AND UNVEILED A PLAQUE AT THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO COMMEMORATE THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

A PRESS BRIEFING ON FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE VISIT OF PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. ON JANUARY 18 (TUESDAY) IN THE GIS CONFERENCE ROOM (ROOM 516) ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND.

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GOVT. OFFICERS RETURN FROM STUDY TOUR  
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A GROUP OF 12 GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, 10 FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND TWO FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, RETURNED TO HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY) AFTER A 13-DAY STUDY TOUR TO SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA.

DURING THEIR TOUR, THE PARTY, LED BY MR. MICHAEL LEUNG, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (HONG KONG), VISITED VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

THE TOUR WAS SPONSORED BY THE COMMONWEALTH FUND FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION.

A DETAILED REPORT ON THE EXPERIENCES AND INSIGHTS GAINED ON THIS TRIP WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONCERNED AUTHORITIES IN DUE COURSE.

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SILVER JUBILEE OF THE REIGN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE  
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THE POST OFFICE IS TO ISSUE THREE STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE.

THE THREE STAMPS ARE IN THE 20 CENTS, \$1.30 AND \$2.00 DENOMINATIONS AND WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON FEBRUARY 7 (MONDAY).

THE 20-CENT STAMP DESIGN SHOWS A SCENE FROM THE CORONATION CEREMONY DEPICTING THE DELIVERY OF THE ORB. THE \$2.00 STAMP FEATURES THE ORB ITSELF WHICH IS THE SYMBOL OF AUTHORITY AND SOVEREIGNTY. THE DESIGN OF THE \$1.30 STAMP SHOWS THE QUEEN DOTTING THE EYE OF A DRAGON DURING HER VISIT TO HONG KONG IN 1975.

FIRST DAY COVERS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THIS ISSUE WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 17) AT 20 CENTS EACH. THE PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO OBTAIN THEIR REQUIREMENTS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE= KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, NATHAN ROAD, AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, SALISBURY ROAD.

FOR THIS SERVICE, ADDRESSED FIRST DAY COVERS MUST BE HANDED IN WITH AN ORDER FORM TOGETHER WITH A REMITTANCE TO COVER THE COST. THE CHARGE WILL BE \$3.70 PER COVER WHICH INCLUDE THE COST OF THREE STAMPS TOGETHER WITH A SERVICE FEE OF 20 CENTS.

THE COVERS MUST BE FULLY ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANT, AND NOT LESS THAN 10 COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH EACH ORDER.

THE ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON MONDAY (JANUARY 17).

ANY PERSON ORDERING SERVICED COVERS ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL DESTINATION MAY COLLECT THEM ON FEBRUARY 8 FROM THE OFFICE WHERE THE ORDER WAS PLACED.

COVERS ADDRESSED OVERSEAS WILL BE SENT FORWARD BY ORDINARY POST, SURFACE MAIL, UNLESS SUFFICIENT STAMPS ARE AFFIXED TO COVER AIRMAIL AND/OR REGISTRATION CHARGES. THE LATEST ACCEPTANCE DATE FOR ADVANCE ORDERS OF SERVICED COVERS WILL BE 5 P.M. ON JANUARY 28 (FRIDAY).

/A SERVICE .....

A SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON FEBRUARY 7 (MONDAY) AT ALL POST OFFICES WHEREBY FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATE STAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM. NO TIME TYPE WILL APPEAR IN THE POSTMARK. THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THIS SERVICE ARE :-

- (A) ONLY ARTICLES BEARING AN INDICATION THAT THEY ARE +FIRST DAY COVERS+ WILL BE SO TREATED=
- (B) THE ARTICLES MUST BE ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL ADDRESS=
- (C) THE ARTICLES MUST NOT BEAR ANY OTHER CANCELLATION=
- (D) NO REGISTERED ITEMS WILL BE PROCESSED BY THIS METHOD.

SPECIAL POSTING BOXES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 7 FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE FIRST DAY COVERS CAREFULLY HAND-POSTMARKED BEFORE DESPATCH TO THE ADDRESS ON THE COVERS.

THE NEW STAMPS WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE FIRST FLOOR PUBLIC COUNTER OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, ON JANUARY 31 FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M.

THERE WILL BE TWO FURTHER SPECIAL STAMP ISSUES IN 1977. ONE WILL HAVE TOURISM AS ITS THEME AND THE SECOND HONG KONG ORCHIDS. THE DATE OF RELEASE FOR THESE TWO ISSUES WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES  
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THE POST OFFICE RECREATION CLUB'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARTY WILL BE HELD AT CLUB GROUNDS IN CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

SOME 1,000 CHILDREN OF POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES WILL ATTEND THE FOUR-HOUR PARTY WHICH WILL START AT 1 P.M.

AT THE PARTY, THE CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINED BY WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES FROM THE THREE TELEVISION STATIONS AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

PERFORMANCES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN BY THE BANDS OF THE CAPE COLLISON TRAINING CENTRE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.

MRS. M. ADDI, WIFE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE LUCKY DRAW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PARTY.

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APPLICATIONS FOR GOLD COINS CLOSE ON MONDAY

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APPLICATIONS FOR GOLD COINS TO BE ISSUED TO MARK THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY (JANUARY 17).

THE COINS MAY BE BOUGHT IN BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED CONDITION AT \$1,000 OR IN PROOF QUALITY AT \$1,500 EACH.

NOT MORE THAN 30,000, INCLUDING 10,000 PROOFS, WILL BE ISSUED.

EACH APPLICATION IS RESTRICTED TO ONE COIN AND IN CASE THE ISSUE IS OVERSUBSCRIBED, THE COINS WILL BE ALLOCATED BY BALLOT AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED INDIVIDUALLY.

THE COINS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHICH FALLS ON FEBRUARY 18, THIS YEAR.

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REMOVAL OF PERSONAL ASSESSMENT AND PROPERTY TAX SECTIONS

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 17) THE NEW OFFICES OF THE PERSONAL ASSESSMENT (ON MAIN SOURCES OF INCOME OTHER THAN BUSINESS PROFITS) AND THE PROPERTY TAX SECTIONS WILL BE ON THE 19TH AND 20TH FLOORS RESPECTIVELY IN WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE 5-761635.

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