



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DUKE OF KENT OPENS BRITISH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF KENT, SAID TODAY THAT TRADE AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN BRITAIN AND HONG KONG WOULD BE PROMOTED TO A +MUCH HIGHER LEVEL+ WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION HERE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT THE KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION, HUNG HOM, THE DUKE SAID THE EXHIBITION -- THE THIRD AND BIGGEST BRITISH NATIONAL EXHIBITION TO BE HELD HERE IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS -- WAS AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE TRADING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES.

+THIS EXHIBITION IS THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND THAT WE ARE MOUNTING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD THIS YEAR AND IT REAFFIRMS BRITAIN'S BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AS WELL AS OUR EAGERNESS TO PLAY A FULL PART IN HELPING YOU TO REALISE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE,+ THE DUKE SAID.

THE DUKE NOTED THAT HONG KONG AND BRITAIN HAVE BEEN DOING BUSINESS TOGETHER FOR MANY YEARS, AND ALTHOUGH THAT THE TRADE BETWEEN THEM HAS BEEN STEADILY GROWING, BRITAIN'S TRADING ACHIEVEMENT HERE HAS NOT REACHED ITS +TRUE POTENTIAL+.

+WE HAVE SEEN A RAPID AND IMPRESSIVE EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG, TREMENDOUS STRIDES IN YOUR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE UNDERTAKING OF MANY LARGE AND AMBITIOUS PROJECTS,+ THE DUKE SAID.

THE DUKE ADDED THE +WIDE-RANGING AND STRIKING+ DISPLAY REPRESENTS THE PRODUCTS OF MORE THAN 140 BRITISH FIRMS AND IS AIMED AT SECTORS WHICH HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS BEING OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO HONG KONG SUCH AS MACHINE TOOLS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, INDUSTRIAL PLANT AND ELECTRONICS.

+IT IS SUPPORTED BY THE PRESENCE OF MANY OF OUR LEADING INDUSTRIALISTS AND IT CARRIES THEIR ABSOLUTE DETERMINATION AND THEIR WHOLE-HEARTED COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL AND MUTUALLY REWARDING PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS HERE,+ HE ADDED.

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DUKE OF KENT TO VISIT TSING YI POWER STATION  
AND TUEN MUN NEW TOWN  
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FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF HRH THE DUKE OF KENT'S PROGRAMME  
FOR TOMORROW (TUESDAY):

- 10.24 A.M. VISIT TSING YI POWER STATION  
(TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES  
WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES'  
CARPARK AT 8.45 A.M. SHARP)
- 11.15 A.M. VISIT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN  
(TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES  
WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES'  
CARPARK AT 9.30 A.M. SHARP)

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER THE DUKE'S VISIT  
TO TSING YI POWER STATION WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER HRH'S VISIT  
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TO TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

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\$25 MILLION RAISED FOR QUEEN'S SILVER  
JUBILEE APPEAL FUND  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THIS EVENING RECEIVED TWO CHEQUES TOTALLING \$25 MILLION AS CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL FUND IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF KENT.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL COMMITTEE, MR. Q.W. LEE, PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$12.5 MILLION TO THE GOVERNOR, FOLLOWED BY MR. P.G. WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE STEWARDS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WHO ALSO PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR THE SAME AMOUNT.

THE GOVERNOR THEN HANDED OVER THE TWO CHEQUES TO SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE BOARD.

AT A BRIEF SPEECH, SIR MURRAY PRAISED THE DONORS FOR THEIR +MAGNIFICENT+ CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE APPEAL FUND.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF KENT ALSO ADDED HIS CONGRATULATIONS AND TOLD THE GATHERING THAT HE WILL INFORM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE CHARLES, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL IN BRITAIN, OF THE SUCCESSFUL RESULT.

THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL FUND WAS LAUNCHED IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR TO RAISE MONEY FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL BENEFIT YOUNG PEOPLE HERE.

THE \$25 MILLION WILL THEREFORE BE SPENT ENTIRELY IN HONG KONG. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT INITIALLY THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE SOME OF THE FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES AT THE PLANNED JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AT SHA TIN.

THE SPORTS CENTRE WILL BE BUILT ON 41 ACRES OF RECLAIMED LAND AT THE WESTERN END OF THE NEW RACE COURSE AT SHA TIN. WHEN COMPLETED BY ABOUT 1981, THE SPORTS CENTRE, WHICH WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM ANY SPORTS FACILITIES EVER BUILT IN HONG KONG, WILL PROVIDE TRAINING AND COACHING BY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF SPORT THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND STIMULATE INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN SPORT.

THE LAND ON WHICH THE SPORTS CENTRE IS TO BE BUILT IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE BY THE JOCKEY CLUB AND THE GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING UP \$25 MILLION TO MEET INITIAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

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300 MORE TAXI LICENCES TO BE ISSUED NEXT MONTH  
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED POLICY, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE OFFERING A FURTHER 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES FOR PUBLIC TENDER EARLY NEXT MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT FULL DETAILS OF THE TENDER WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND IN THE NEWS MEDIA ON APRIL 7.

HE SAID THAT THE 300 TAXI LICENCES WOULD BE ISSUED TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AT THE RATE OF 100 A MONTH STARTING FROM MAY, WITH THE HIGHEST TENDERS RECEIVING PRIORITY.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SIMILAR TENDERS WOULD BE CALLED ABOUT EVERY FOUR MONTHS.

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GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE TO BE OPENED TO PUBLIC  
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THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAY (MARCH 12) FROM 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. TO ENABLE THEM TO SEE THE AZALEAS IN FULL BLOOM.

THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN THE FLOWERS ARE AT THEIR COLOURFUL BEST AND THE ANNUAL OPEN DAY OF THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE HAS BEEN HELD SINCE 1968 ON A SPECIFIED SUNDAY DURING THE BLOOMING OF THE AZALEAS.

LAST YEAR, A RECORD 107,000 PEOPLE VISITED THE GARDENS AND LARGE CROWDS ARE AGAIN EXPECTED THIS YEAR.

WHEN VISITING GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON MARCH 12, VISITORS ARE REQUESTED TO ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE AND LEAVE BY THE SIDE GATES SO THAT ALL CAN ENJOY THE FLOWERS WITHOUT CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO OTHERS.

THEY ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT ONLY THE GARDENS WILL BE OPEN AND THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER THE HOUSE ITSELF.

SCOUTS AND POLICEMEN WILL BE PRESENT AND VISITORS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM TO AVOID OVERCROWDING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

\$22 MILLION CONTRACT FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM

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A \$22 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MORRISON HILL INDOOR STADIUM, WILL BE SIGNED AT A CEREMONY AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE P.W.D.'S CONFERENCE ROOM, MURRAY BUILDING, 21ST FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, AT NOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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## SUPPLEMENT

Monday, March 6, 1978

SPEECH BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE DUKE OF KENT,  
AT THE OPENING OF THE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

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The following is the full text of the speech by HRH, the Duke of Kent, at the opening of the British Industrial Exhibition at the Kowloon Railway Station, Hung Hom today :

This exhibition is an important event in the history of the trading relations between Britain and Hong Kong and I am proud to be associated with it.

As soon as I heard that a major British Industrial Exhibition was to be held in Hong Kong, I decided that I ought if possible to be present - so that it is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that I now find myself back in this territory among so many old friends whom we welcome here today.

Hong Kong and Britain have of course been doing business together for a great many years, and although that trade has been steadily growing, I don't think anyone would pretend that Britain's trading achievement here has reached anything like its true potential.

/We have been .....

We have seen a rapid and impressive expansion of the economy of Hong Kong, tremendous strides in your industrial development and the undertaking of many large and ambitious projects. These we believe provide the opportunity for a much higher level of trade and co-operation between us, which is why today we are launching the third - and biggest - British national exhibition to be held here in the last four years.

This wide-ranging and striking display represents the products of more than 140 British firms and is aimed at sectors which have been chosen as being of special interest to Hong Kong such as machine tools, scientific instruments, industrial plant and electronics. It is supported by the presence of many of our leading industrialists and it carries their absolute determination and their whole-hearted commitment to developing a successful and mutually rewarding partnership with their counterparts here. This exhibition is the largest of its kind that we are mounting anywhere in the world this year and it reaffirms Britain's belief in the importance of Hong Kong's economy as well as eagerness to play a full part in helping you to realise your ambitions for the future. We are deeply indebted to everyone in Hong Kong who has helped in planning and mounting this exhibition.

I hope that all those who visit the exhibition will find something to interest them and will see that British industry is a powerful force with a great deal to offer to Hong Kong at this crucial point in her development.

I should like to wish everyone concerned - exhibitors and visitors alike - a most successful and fruitful week. And now, if you would be kind enough to join me, I shall move across and formally open the exhibition.