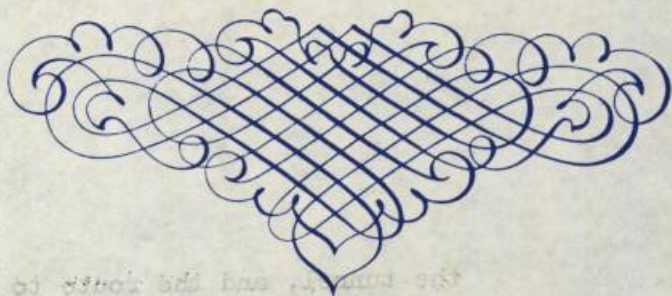


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Sunday, May 4, 1975

QUEEN AND DUKE'S FIRST FULL-DAY PROGRAMME Visits, Community Luncheon, Fireworks and Race Meeting

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will spend their first full day in Hong Kong tomorrow with a busy tour of engagements that will give both of them plenty of opportunity to meet people from all walks of life.

Their varied itinerary will keep them on the move from as early as 9.30 a.m. for the Duke, and 10.15 a.m. for the Queen. They will leave Government House separately at these times to carry out different engagements.

The itineraries include a Chinese luncheon at the City Hall, the Queen's unveiling of a commemorative plaque in the new Hung Hom railway terminal to mark her visit, a tour of a special "Progress Hong Kong" exhibition - where the Royal visitors will see a whole range of high-quality locally-made consumer products - and a rare fireworks display in the harbour soon after sunset.

The day will end for both at 10.20 p.m. when the Queen and the Duke return to Government House from a special race meeting at Happy Valley in their honour.

MORNING

For the Queen, the programme starts with a drive from Government House to Morse Park in Kowloon. She will cross the harbour via

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the tunnel, and the route to Wong Tai Sin will enable her see some of Kowloon's most heavily-populated districts.

At Morse Park, the Queen will be conducted around the modern swimming pool complex, where hundreds of young people will be enjoying themselves.

From the pool, she will cross the road to the Wang Tau Hom estate, typical of its kind for lower-income groups, where many residents will have the opportunity of a close look at her.

She will then be driven via Lung Cheung Road up the narrow, spiralling route to Beacon Hill, with its breath-taking views of Kowloon stretched out below. The Queen's attention will be drawn to particular features of this panorama, including the massive public housing estates, the flyovers under construction, multi-storey complexes reaching for the sky and, everywhere, new construction in progress.

After this, the party will leave for Oi Man estate, where the Queen will meet members of the Housing Department and stroll with them through this vast residential complex.

In addition to passing a number of shops along the way, packed with overflowing and probably unfamiliar goods, the Queen will visit a flat and talk with the family. Then she will return to Government House.

Meanwhile, Prince Philip will be spending his time in the New Territories, beginning with a helicopter flight to Fanling.

From the Fanling Sports Ground, the Duke will be driven to the Police Cadet School which he will tour while the cadets themselves are engaged at their regular tasks. These young people are being trained to help the Government meet the social challenges of tomorrow.

/From the school

From the school, the Duke will go to Queen's Hill Camp to visit a regiment that bears his name, the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's own Gurkha Rifles.

The Queen granted the regiment the title "Duke of Edinburgh's Own" in 1959. Since 1973, the regiment has been stationed in Queen's Hill Camp, and its members frequently take part in New Territories activities. The band, especially, is often asked to perform at festive occasions.

The Duke will inspect the camp quarter guard and meet some of the families on the football field.

His next stop will be the Outward Bound School, where he will find trainees going through a course of tough physical exercises designed to bring out the best in them. The course will be familiar to the Duke, because it was conceived by Dr. Kurt Hahn, once his headmaster at Gordonstoun.

After touring the school the Duke will return by helicopter, flying over the \$1,500 million High Island Water Scheme en route. He will rejoin the Queen at Government House at about 12.35 p.m.

AFTERNOON

The first afternoon engagement for the Royal visitors will be a community lunch at the City Hall. The Queen and the Duke will leave Government House at 12.55 p.m., arriving five minutes later at the City Hall Exhibition Hall, where the Governor will present to them prominent members of the community.

At the luncheon, attended by some 650 guests, Sir Yuet-keung Kan, Senior Unofficial Member of the Executive Council, will speak in

/Chinese and English

Chinese and English, and will present the Queen with a commemorative gold coin.

At 2.35 p.m. when the meal has ended, the Queen and the Duke will set out by car for the \$150 million Hung Hom Railway Terminal, one of the latest projects of the Public Works Department.

On arrival, the Queen will unveil a plaque commemorating her visit to Hong Kong, and will then tour the "Progress Hong Kong" exhibition, imaginatively presented to make use of the terminal as a temporary display area.

This elaborate and carefully-prepared show will enable the Queen and the Duke, together with Hong Kong residents and visitors from abroad, to see how Hong Kong has achieved, by its own enterprise and patient craftsmanship, a position of respect in the highly demanding areas of quality manufacture and export.

The exhibits will convey something of the impact Hong Kong exporters are making in select international markets with a whole range of products from fashion wear, impressing even London and Paris, to popular ingenious toys and intricate pocket computers.

The visit to the exhibition will end at 3.30 p.m., after which the Queen and the Duke will return to Government House.

EVENING

The evening programme will start at 7.45 p.m. when the Queen and the Duke set out from Government House for two engagements certain to attract thousands of spectators.

At HMS Tamar, they will board HMS Chichester for supper, during which they will watch a spectacular fireworks display specially organised to celebrate their visit.

/The display

The display, beginning at 8.30 p.m. and lasting about 20 minutes, is the first to be mounted in many years. Hundreds of families will be making full use of especially-opened reclamation sites on both sides of the harbour to enjoy the spectacle, a fitting Chinese touch to a memorable occasion.

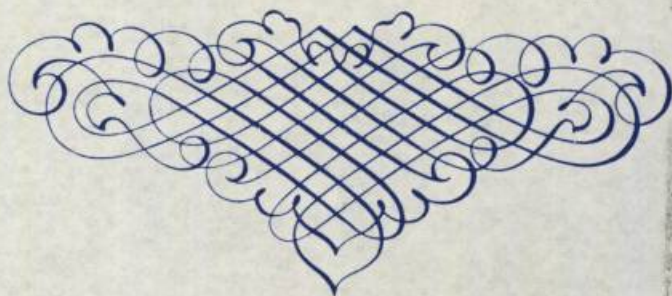
At 9 p.m., the Royal visitors will disembark from Chichester and leave for the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club in Happy Valley, taking a route which will enable them to see some of the bright lights of Wan Chai.

They will drive round the course to the winning post, passing a capacity crowd of about 45,000. After a formal welcome by the Club's chairman, Mr. P.G. Williams, the Queen and the Duke will visit the inner paddock and then proceed to the Governor's box.

The fourth race will be run at 9.30 p.m. and at 10 p.m. the Queen's Cup will begin, preceded by a parade of runners on the grass track. The Queen will present the cup to the owner of the winning horse.

This ceremony over, the Royal party will leave the race course by the inner paddock and return to Government House.

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QUEEN'S VISIT CEREMONY OF WELCOME
SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE
AT CITY HALL ON SUNDAY, MAY 4

Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, Your Excellency,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is the first time in the history of Hong Kong that the Sovereign has come here. We, the people of Hong Kong, are proud and encouraged that Your Majesty should be paying us this visit now. It is a moment of real historical significance.

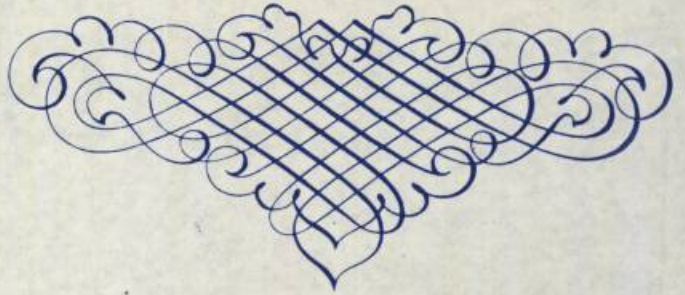
The predominant emotion at this moment is a fervent wish that Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness will enjoy your short stay amongst us, that you will be able to see the way we live and also some of the ways we enjoy ourselves, and above all the sort of people and community we are. We dare to hope that, having seen a little of all this, you will like it.

To supplement what can be seen in so short a time we have prepared an exhibition. We hope this will also be of interest to a very wide public. For the visit of Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness is a good time to remove misconceptions and to remind ourselves and others what Hong Kong has done, what it now is, and what it could be.

Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, on behalf of Hong Kong I extend to you a very sincere and very loyal welcome.

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Queen's Visit Ceremony of Welcome

Sir Y.K. Kan's Speech

At City Hall on Sunday, May 4.

Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness,
Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is a moment of the greatest significance to Hong Kong. It is with a deep sense of honour, and of history, that we welcome you to our shores.

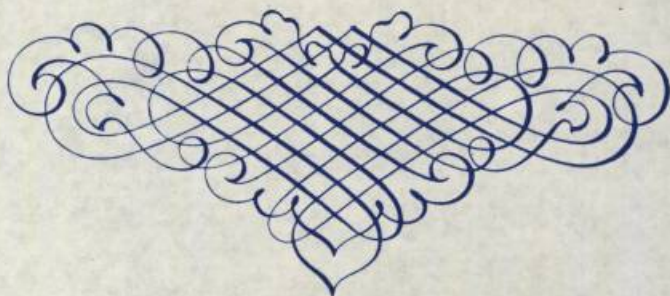
The Royal Family has always had a very special place in our hearts, and we are grateful indeed for the real interest they have shown in us. Your Royal Highness is certainly no stranger to Hong Kong and we remember with pleasure and affection the visits of Princess Anne, Princess Margaret and Princess Alexandra.

Hong Kong owes its very existence to the sea and it can be no accident that Your Majesty's arrival today auspiciously coincides with the celebrations for the birthday of Tin Hau, the Goddess of fishermen and seafarers. This is surely the best of auguries: a most propitious day!

Your Majesty, Hong Kong bids you a most hearty welcome; we hope that your stay here will be informative, but above all happy.

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QUEEN'S VISIT CEREMONY OF WELCOME
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S REPLY TO SPEECHES OF WELCOME
AT CITY HALL ON SUNDAY MAY 4.

Your Excellency, Sir Yuet-Keung Kan,

Prince Philip and I thank you for your welcome. He has visited Hong Kong before as have other members of my family and I have heard much about it from them. I also keep in touch with your affairs through state papers. So although this may be my first visit I do not feel a stranger!

But seeing is believing! And I am delighted with what I have seen and look forward very much to the next three days. I am particularly glad of this initial moment of ceremony because it gives me an opportunity to greet you all, the people of Hong Kong.

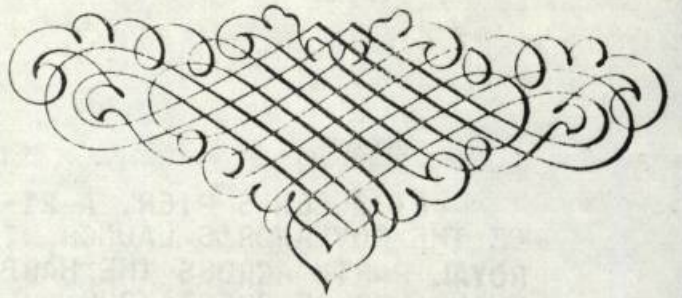
The circumstances that have produced modern Hong Kong are unique and there cannot be any other community quite like it. Your reputation stands high in the world. Few other communities have had greater problems to deal with or have confronted them with greater vigour, or have survived and improved the life of their members against greater odds.

Hong Kong is famous for this, as it is for the vivid colour and movement of its densely packed life and for the beauty of its scenery.

I can assure you that it is a real pleasure, and an excitement for Prince Philip and me to be here.

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SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1975

QUEEN AND DUKE ARRIVE IN HONG KONG

THE QUEEN MADE HISTORY THIS EVENING WHEN SHE ARRIVED AT HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO BECOME THE FIRST REIGNING BRITISH MONARCH TO VISIT HONG KONG SINCE IT WAS CEDED TO BRITAIN IN 1841.

HER SPECIALLY CHARTERED BRITISH AIRWAYS BOEING 707, WITH ROYAL STANDARD FLYING AT THE MAST, ROLLED TO A STOP EXACTLY ON SCHEDULE AT 5.58 P.M. AND AT 6 P.M. THE DOOR OPENED AND THE QUEEN CAME DOWN THE STEPS, WEARING A GREEN AND WHITE HAT AND GREEN, WHITE AND BLACK CHECKED DRESS. SHE WAS LOOKING REMARKABLY FRESH AFTER HER 11-1/2 HOUR FLIGHT FROM HONOLULU AND GUAM.

BEHIND HER WAS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH IN A GREY SUIT, LOOKING TANNED AND FIT.

AT THE FOOT OF THE STEPS, THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WERE WELCOMED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, A TALL FIGURE IN A DARK GREY SUIT, AND BY LADY MACLEHOSE, WEARING A YELLOW HAT AND A YELLOW AND WHITE PRINT DRESS. ALSO WAITING TO GREET THE ROYAL VISITORS WERE THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, SIR EDWIN BRAMALL, AND LADY BRAMALL, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR GEOFFREY BRIGGS, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. DENYS ROBERTS, SIR Y.K. KAN AND LADY KAN, AND DR. S.Y. CHUNG AND MRS. CHUNG.

AS THE ROYAL PARTY LEFT THE AIRPORT FOR THE DRIVE TO KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, THE QUEEN'S ENTOURAGE OF SOME 30 PEOPLE WERE DISEMBARKING FROM THE AIRCRAFT. THE ENTOURAGE INCLUDES LADIES IN WAITING, EQUERRIES, A PRESS SECRETARY, MEDICAL OFFICER, THE CAPTAIN OF THE QUEEN'S FLIGHT, THE QUEEN'S DRESSER AND HAIR DRESSER, POLICE OFFICERS, MAIDS, CLERKS, SECRETARIES, VALETS, PAGES AND FOOTMEN.

ON THE WAY TO KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER THE ROADS WERE LINED WITH CHILDREN CHEERING AND WAVING FLAGS WHICH READ 'WELCOME TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'. MANY SPECTATORS HAD UMBRELLAS TO SHADE THEM FROM THE FIERCE RAYS OF THE SUN.

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AT QUEEN'S PIER, A 21-GUN SALUTE HERALDED THE APPROACH OF THE GOVERNOR'S LAUNCH, THE LADY MAURINE, BEARING THE ROYAL PARTY ACROSS THE HARBOUR FROM KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER. THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS -- MOST OF THEM CHILDREN -- HAD WAITED SEVERAL HOURS UNDER A HOT SUN FOR THE QUEEN'S ARRIVAL, AND THEY REACTED SPONTANEOUSLY WITH A LOUD CHEER AND A WAVE OF FLAGS AS THE FIRST SALVO RANG OUT.

IN THE BACKGROUND, THE FIREBOAT ALEXANDER GRANTHAM PROVIDED A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY WITH ALL ITS JETS SPRA^YING PLUMES OF WATER HIGH IN THE AIR AS THE LADY MAURINE, WITH THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE ON DECK, SLOWLY APPROACHED.

LINING THE EMBANKMENT AT HMS TAMAR, NAVY PERSONNEL -- INCLUDING WOMEN OFFICERS -- JOINED THE CHEERING CROWDS IN EXTENDING A WARM WELCOME TO THE ROYAL COUPLE.

THE CALM WATERS OF THE HARBOUR ENABLED THE QUEEN TO STAND FIRM AND STEADY ON DECK IN ORDER TO VIEW THE SHORELINE THOUGH SHE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO GRIP THE HANDRAILS WHEN THE LADY MAURINE BUMPED SLIGHTLY AS IT CAME ALONGSIDE THE PIER.

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE ALIGHTED FROM THE LAUNCH AMIDST WILD CHEERING AND WERE MET BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 6TH QUEEN ELIZABETH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES, LT. COL. C.J. SCOTT, WHO ESCORTED THE QUEEN TO THE DAIS TO TAKE THE ROYAL SALUTE OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR. AFTER THE SALUTE, THE BAND OF THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS PLAYED THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AND THE QUEEN INSPECTED THE GUARD OF HONOUR ACCOMPANIED BY THE GUARD COMMANDER, MAJOR P.D. PETTIGREW.

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE, AND MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PARTY, THEN PROCEEDED INTO THE CITY HALL FOR THE OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY. THEY WERE MET AT THE ENTRANCE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR. A. DE O. SALES, AND MRS. SALES WHO WERE PRESENTED TO HER MAJESTY BY THE GOVERNOR.

WALKING BETWEEN A GUARD OF HONOUR COMPOSED OF SCOUTS, GUIDES, CADETS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER YOUTH ORGANISATIONS STANDING AT ATTENTION IN THE LOBBY, THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH ENTERED THE CONCERT HALL. IT WAS A BRILLIANT SCENE, WITH WOMEN'S HATS PROVIDING A VARIETY OF COLOURS.

AS THE ROYAL PARTY WALKED DOWN THE AISLE, TRUMPETERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND, IN WHITE UNIFORMS AND BLACK CAPS, SOUNDED TWO FANFARES. AFTER A ROLL OF DRUMS THERE WAS A DRAMATIC SILENCE IN THE PACKED HALL EXCEPT FOR THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ROYAL PARTY ASCENDING THE STAGE. BANKS OF FLOWERS LINED THE PLATFORM, WHICH WAS COVERED WITH A RED CARPET.

AFTER THE POLICE BAND HAD PLAYED THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, THE GOVERNOR WELCOMED THE QUEEN IN A BRIEF SPEECH. HE SAID THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WERE PROUD AND ENCOURAGED THAT SHE SHOULD NOW BE PAYING HONG KONG A VISIT, ADDING THAT IT WAS 'A MOMENT OF REAL HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE'.

+THE PREDOMINANT EMOTION AT THE MOMENT IS A FERVENT WISH THAT YOUR MAJESTY AND YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL ENJOY YOUR SHORT STAY AMONGST US, THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE WAY WE LIVE AND ALSO SOME OF THE WAYS WE ENJOY OURSELVES, AND ABOVE ALL THE SORT OF PEOPLE WE ARE, AND THE SORT OF COMMUNITY WE ARE. WE DARE TO HOPE THAT, HAVING SEEN A LITTLE OF ALL THIS, YOU WILL LIKE IT.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT, TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT COULD BE SEEN IN SUCH A SHORT TIME, AN EXHIBITION HAD BEEN PREPARED, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO A VERY WIDE PUBLIC.

HE WENT ON, +FOR THE VISIT OF YOUR MAJESTY AND YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS IS A GOOD TIME TO REMOVE MISCONCEPTIONS AND TO REMIND OURSELVES AND OTHERS WHAT HONG KONG HAS DONE, WHAT IT NOW IS, AND WHAT IT COULD BE.+

THEN, ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG HE EXTENDED A VERY SINCERE AND VERY LOYAL WELCOME. HIS ADDRESS WAS FOLLOWED BY LOUD APPLAUSE.

SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN THEN SPOKE, FIRST IN CHINESE THEN IN ENGLISH. HE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WELCOMED THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WITH A DEEP SENSE OF HONOUR AND OF HISTORY.

+THE ROYAL FAMILY,+ HE SAID, +HAS ALWAYS HAD A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS AND WE ARE GRATEFUL INDEED FOR THE INTEREST THEY HAVE SHOWN IN US. YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS IS CERTAINLY NO STRANGER TO HONG KONG, AND WE REMEMBER WITH PLEASURE AND AFFECTION THE VISITS OF PRINCESS ANNE, PRINCESS MARGARET AND PRINCESS ALEXANDRA.+

SIR Y.K. KAN POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG OWED ITS EXISTENCE TO THE SEA. HE SAID IT COULD BE NO ACCIDENT THAT THE QUEEN'S ARRIVAL AUSPICIOUSLY COINCIDED WITH THE BIRTHDAY OF TIN HAU, THE GODDESS OF FISHERMEN AND SEAFARERS. +THIS,+ HE SAID, +IS SURELY THE BEST OF AUGURIES: A MOST PROPITIOUS DAY.+

HE ENDED, +YOUR MAJESTY, HONG KONG BIDS YOU A MOST HEARTY WELCOME= WE HOPE THAT YOUR STAY HERE WILL BE INFORMATIVE, BUT ABOVE ALL HAPPY.+

THE QUEEN, WHOSE SPEECH WAS ALSO READ LATER IN CHINESE, THANKED SIR Y.K. KAN FOR HIS WELCOME. SHE RECALLED THAT PRINCE PHILIP HAD VISITED HONG KONG BEFORE, AS HAD OTHER MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY, AND SHE HAD HEARD MUCH ABOUT IT FROM THEM.

SHE ADDED, +I ALSO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR AFFAIRS THROUGH STATE PAPERS. SO ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE MY FIRST VISIT I DO NOT FEEL A STRANGER. BUT SEEING IS BELIEVING. AND I AM DELIGHTED WITH WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO THE NEXT THREE DAYS. I AM PARTICULARLY GLAD OF THIS MOMENT OF CEREMONY BECAUSE IT GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO GREET YOU ALL, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

/THE QUEEN

THE QUEEN DESCRIBED THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAD PRODUCED MODERN HONG KONG AS UNIQUE AND REMARKED THAT THERE COULD NOT BE ANY OTHER COMMUNITY QUITE LIKE IT. ITS REPUTATION STOOD HIGH IN THE WORLD. FEW OTHER COMMUNITIES HAD HAD GREATER PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH OR HAD CONFRONTED THEM WITH GREATER VIGOUR, OR HAD SURVIVED AND IMPROVED THE LIFE OF THEIR MEMBERS AGAINST GREATER ODDS.

SHE ADDED, +HONG KONG IS FAMOUS FOR THIS, AS IT IS FOR THE VIVID COLOUR AND MOVEMENT OF ITS DENSELY PACKED LIFE AND FOR THE BEAUTY OF ITS SCENERY. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS A REAL PLEASURE, AND AN EXCITEMENT FOR PRINCE PHILIP AND ME TO BE HERE.+

HER REMARKS WERE FOLLOWED BY PROLONGED APPLAUSE.

THE OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY OVER, THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE THEN RETURNED TO THE CITY HALL FOYER WHERE SOME 400 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ABOUT 20 SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS CATERING FOR DISABLED CHILDREN, ACCORDED THEM THE BRIGHTEST AND NOISIEST WELCOME OF THE DAY.

WHAT THE CHILDREN LACKED IN NUMBERS THEY MADE UP FOR WITH THEIR VOICES AND COLOURFUL FLAGS. THE QUEEN PAUSED BRIEFLY AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS, ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT WITH A SMILE AND WAVE. SHE THEN DESCENDED WITH THE DUKE TO TALK WITH SOME OF THEM.

WHILE THE QUEEN SPOKE WITH SOME OF THE DISABLED CHILDREN IN THEIR WHEEL CHAIRS, THE DUKE WAS CAUSING SOME EXCITEMENT WITH ANOTHER GROUP AS HE LAUGHED AND GESTURED WITH HIS HANDS.

THE DUKE HAD APPARENTLY FORGOTTEN FOR A MOMENT THAT IT WAS SUNDAY, AS HE ENQUIRED OF THE STUDENTS WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN SPECIALLY LET OFF SCHOOL FOR THE CEREMONY. +OH YES, IT'S SUNDAY ISN'T IT,+ HE LAUGHED.

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE SLOWLY MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE LINES OF STUDENTS AND STEPPED OUTSIDE WHERE THE QUEEN PAUSED AGAIN TO CHAT WITH A YOUNG BOY SCOUT BEFORE ENTERING THE CAR FOR THE DRIVE TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE, ACCOMPANIED BY A LAST LONG CHEER FROM THE THOUSANDS WHO HAD TURNED UP TO EXTEND THEM A WARM WELCOME.