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BUDGET DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW

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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATE OF HONG KONG AND THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIONS AT THE RESUMED DEBATE OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1975 AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

AT TOMORROW'S SESSION SEVEN MEMBERS WILL SPEAK IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: DR. THE HON. CHUNG SZE-YUEN, THE HON. WILSON T.S. WANG, THE HON. LEE QUO-WEI, THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG, THE HON. ROGER LOBO, THE HON. MRS. JOYCE SYMONS AND THE HON. PETER WILLIAMS.

SPEAKERS ON THE FOLLOWING DAY (THURSDAY) WILL BE THE HON. JAMES WU MAN-HON, THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, THE HON. LI FOOK-WO, THE HON. J.H. BREMRIDGE, DR. THE HON. HARRY S.Y. FANG, THE HON. MISS KO SIU-WAH, THE HON. LO TAK-SHING AND THE HON. FRANCIS YUA-HAO TIEN.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWO-DAY DEBATE WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RHK 2 (CHINESE) AND RHK 4 (ENGLISH) AND ON THE CHINESE SERVICE OF COMMERCIAL RADIO (CHANNEL ONE).

OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES ON APRIL 2, AND IF NECESSARY, THE FOLLOWING DAY.

SIX NEW BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL AT TOMORROW'S SITTING. THESE ARE THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE CORONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE TRUSTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE CHINA FLEET CLUB INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL AND THE FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION IN KWAI CHUNG ROAD

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWAI CHUNG ROAD NEAR THE LAI CHI KOK HOSPITAL INTERCHANGE BEGINNING FROM 11 P.M. ON MARCH 20 (THURSDAY) TO 6 A.M. ON MARCH 21 (FRIDAY).

THESE ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE THE FALSEWORK FOR A SECTION OF THE INTERCHANGE FLYOVER AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO BE DISMANTLED SAFELY.

UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS, VEHICLES ON THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED INTO LAI KING HILL ROAD AND THEN THROUGH AN UNNAMED SLIP ROAD TO REJOIN KWAI CHUNG ROAD THUS BYPASSING THE WORK AREA.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES LEAVING THE CONTAINER TERMINAL FOR KOWLOON WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW THE UNNAMED ROAD FRONTING THE CONTAINER TERMINAL INTO THE TSUEN WAN-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND THEN THROUGH KWAI FU ROAD, HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI ON ROAD BEFORE TURNING INTO THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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NEW PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE OPENING IN TSUEN WAN

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A NEW PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE OPERATED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON FRIDAY (MARCH 21) AT 11 AM.

THE RETIRING DISTRICT OFFICER, TSUEN WAN, MR. J.S. WARRAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, AT WHICH EIGHT LOCAL DIGNITARIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO CUT A RIBBON. THEY ARE MR. DEACON CHUI, J.P., MR. CHAN PO FONG, J.P., AND MESSRS. PETER YEUNG, TANG LUK TAI, CHAN KWONG CHUEN, WONG KAI FU, HO TSI PING AND CHOI YUK WAH.

THE NEW CENTRE, THE THIRD OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, IS SITUATED AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CHUNG ON STREET, RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE INDUSTRIAL TOWNSHIP. IT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN FUNCTIONING FOR A MONTH, DURING WHICH PERIOD IT HANDLED ABOUT 4,000 ENQUIRIES ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

THE OTHER TWO PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ARE SITUATED IN KWAI CHUNG AND SHEK LEI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY COVERED.

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GRAPHIC GUIDE TO BUDGET AVAILABLE
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AN EASY GUIDE TO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATE LAST MONTH, HAS BEEN PREPARED IN A HANDY-SIZED EIGHT-PAGE BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

IT IS +THE 1975-76 BUDGET: A GRAPHIC GUIDE+, A BI-LINGUAL PUBLICATION WHICH FORMS ONE OF A SERIES PUBLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNUAL BUDGET DEBATE.

THE BOOKLET, IN TWO-TONE GREEN, AND CARRYING THE NOW FAMILIAR AND DISTINCTIVE BUDGET DESIGN OF A HONG KONG DOLLAR AND A BATCH OF COMPUTER CARDS, IS AVAILABLE FREE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES. CITY DISTRICT OFFICES WILL ALSO HAVE COPIES LATER THIS WEEK.

THE CONTENTS OF THE GRAPHIC GUIDE INCLUDE A SIMPLE VISUAL CHART SHOWING THE MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE AND ANOTHER GIVING THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE ON MAJOR SERVICES.

THERE ARE ALSO GRAPHS TO SHOW HOW EXPENDITURE ON VARIOUS SERVICES HAS GROWN SINCE 1964-65 AND HOW BOTH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE HAVE CLIMBED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

ALSO AVAILABLE FREE ON REQUEST AT GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES ARE THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE BUDGET SPEECH.

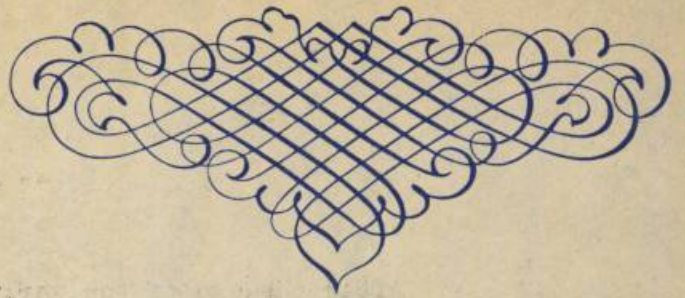
ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 IS A 38-PAGE BOOKLET ENTITLED +THE 1975-76 BUDGET: ECONOMIC BACKGROUND+. A COMPANION VOLUME IS THE +ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT 1961-1973+ PRICED AT \$4 A COPY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE GRAPHIC GUIDE TO BUDGET WILL BE BOXED SEPARATELY FOR COLLECTION TODAY.

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ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

A Brief Biography

The Queen was born in London on April 21, 1926, first child of the Duke and Duchess of York, subsequently King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Five weeks later, she was christened in the chapel of Buckingham Palace, and was given the names of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary.

The Princess spent her first years in London. She had her early education at home. After her father succeeded to the throne in 1936 and she became heiress presumptive, her studies were extended to include lessons on constitutional history and law. She also studied art and music, learned to ride, enjoyed swimming, and amateur theatricals. At 11, she enrolled as a girl guide, and later became a sea ranger.

As the Princess grew older, she began to take part in public life. Early in 1942, she was appointed Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, and on her 16th birthday, carried out her first public engagement, when she inspected the regiment. She also began, at about this time, to accompany the King and Queen on many of their tours within the United Kingdom. In 1944 shortly after her 18th birthday, she was appointed a Counsellor of State, during the King's absence from Britain on a tour, and for the first time, exercised certain of the functions of the Crown.

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After the end of the war, Princess Elizabeth's public engagements grew in number and frequency, and she travelled extensively to attend public functions throughout the British Isles. Her first official visit overseas took place in 1947, when she accompanied her parents and her sister Princess Margaret on a tour of South Africa.

Shortly after the return of the royal family from South Africa came the announcement of the engagement of Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, (now His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh), son of Prince Andrew of Greece and a great-great-grandson of Queen Victoria. Their wedding took place in Westminster Abbey on November 20, 1947.

Prince Charles, now the Prince of Wales, heir apparent to the throne, was born in 1948, and his sister Princess Anne, in 1950. The third child of the Queen and the Duke, Prince Andrew, was born in 1960, and their fourth, Prince Edward, in 1964. The Queen and the Duke celebrated their silver wedding in London in 1972.

In 1952, when King George VI's illness made it inadvisable for him to carry out his projected visit to Australia and New Zealand, the Princess, accompanied by the Duke, took his place, and it was on the first stage of this journey, in Kenya, that she received the news of her father's death and her own accession to the throne.

The Queen's coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953. The ceremony, attended by representatives of the Peers, the Commons and all the great public interests in Britain, the Prime Ministers and leading citizens of the other Commonwealth countries and representatives of foreign states, was brought home to many hundreds of thousands of the Queen's subjects in a way never before possible.

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For the first time in history, the coronation of a British monarch was recorded by television, as well as by sound broadcast, throughout the world.

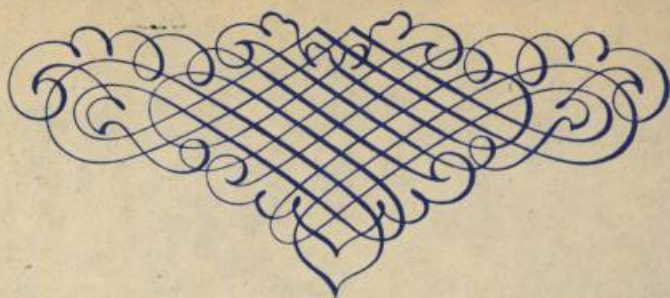
The Queen acts as host to the heads of state of Commonwealth and other countries when they visit Britain. She receives other notable visitors from overseas, and holds investitures at which she presents orders, decorations and medals to people who have distinguished themselves in public life.

Every year, the Queen entertains some 30,000 people from all sections of the community at royal garden parties. She gives regular luncheon parties, to which people well-known for their activities in widely differing spheres are invited.

In addition, she appears on such public occasions as the services of the Order of the Garter, the Order of the Thistle and other Orders, the Remembrance Day ceremony, and various services at St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

The wide range of the Queen's interests and activities, and the fact that they are recorded and broadcast by mass modern communications media, has brought about a closer relationship between the Queen and her subjects than was possible for any of her predecessors.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

A Brief Biography

His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was born at Corfu on June 10, 1921, son of Prince Andrew of Greece. When he renounced his royal title in 1947 and became a British subject, it was under his mother's family name, Mountbatten.

The Prince went to Britain at an early age to be educated. From a preparatory school, Cheam, he continued on to Gordonstoun.

In January 1940, he went to sea as a midshipman in the battleship Ramillies and after serving in the cruisers Kent and Shropshire, was appointed at the end of the year to the battleship Valiant in the Mediterranean Fleet. A few months later during World War II, came the battle of Cape Matapan, where he was in charge of a section of searchlight control in Valiant.

After returning to Britain to qualify as a sub-lieutenant, Prince Philip was appointed to the destroyer Wallace. Promoted lieutenant in June 1942, he became Wallace's First Lieutenant in the following October.

In July 1943, he took part in the Sicily landings when Wallace covered the Canadian beachhead. In 1944, he was appointed First Lieutenant in Whelp, and took part in the war against Japan.

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In July 1947, the engagement of Lieutenant Mountbatten to Princess Elizabeth was announced. The marriage took place in Westminster Abbey on November 20. Shortly before, King George VI created the bridegroom Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth and Baron Greenwich and a Knight of the Garter, and authorised his use of the prefix "His Royal Highness".

Since the accession of the Queen, the Duke has played an outstanding part in the nation's life. He holds many important service appointments and acts as patron or president of a large number of organisations of national significance.

He interests himself in scientific and technological research and development, in the encouragement of sport, the welfare of young people, and in the conservation and the state of the environment.

The Duke is a Privy Councillor. In September 1952, the Queen declared by Royal Warrant that he had "place, pre-eminence and precedence" next to herself on all occasions and in all meetings, except where otherwise provided by Act of Parliament.

In February 1957, it was announced that the Queen had granted to the Duke the style and dignity of a Prince of the United Kingdom, and that he should in future be known as "The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh".

The Duke has accompanied the Queen on all her Commonwealth tours and state visits overseas since her accession as well as on tours and visits to all parts of the United Kingdom, and on his own account has visited a number of overseas countries.