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PRINCESS ANNE VISITS CHAN FAMILY

At Hing Wah Resettlement Estate

By Alberto da Cruz

Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne spent five minutes with a Chan family this afternoon in their resettlement flat in the Hing Wah Estate, but they were enough to justify nearly one month of preparation.

Mr. Chan Ming-hoi, formerly a tailor but now a conductor with the Hong Kong Tramways, his wife and their four children, dressed in their Sunday best, welcomed the Princess into their small home with smiles breaking through earlier nervous uncertainty.

Mrs. Chan, a housewife, was in doubt until the last minute about offering Her Royal Highness a cup of tea. She had wanted to do this as a symbol of Chinese hospitality, but there was simply no time.

Instead, she smiled her welcome, and then presented her children -- two boys and two girls. The elder daughter goes to school under the sponsorship of the Save the Children Fund.

The Princess had a gracious greeting for them all. She said the flat was an improvement when Mrs. Chan told her that in the past, the family used to live in a squatter hut.

The Princess asked the elder daughter if she spoke English.

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"Yes, a little," the girl replied.

The 11-foot-by-22-foot room was crowded with pooled Press, radio and TV in the background, yet Her Royal Highness did not mind this at all, and surveyed the blue walls, the cement floor, a pair of double iron beds, a balcony, and a cupboard with the utmost interest.

The whole room was spotlessly clean, and Mrs. Chan said she had spent a whole morning brushing up.

"It is not every day that a Royal Princess drops out of the blue to pay us a call," she commented. "My family and I will draw a ring around this moment of time and treasure it always."

Memorable Visit

Mr. Chan, who pays \$45 a month rent for the flat on the eighth floor of Block 2 in the spanking new estate in Chai Wan, agreed that the visit was memorable.

It was not that he would be able to say from now on that a Princess had been to his home, but that his children had had special words with her. The happiness would light up their lives for a long time, and this was his chief joy.

The children said they had read about the Princess and the unattainable Royal world in which she moved. But it was wonderful to see her at last in their own home.

"I still cannot believe it is true," the elder daughter, Wai-ling, exclaimed, when the Princess had left and the visit became a thing of which memory is composed.

But the envious stares of neighbours gave her the best proof that the impossible had indeed happened -- that Princess Anne had indeed called.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Membership Widely Representative

Government is to establish an Advisory Committee on Environmental Pollution on land and water.

The Committee will be headed by Mr. H.M.G. Forsgate, J.P., an Unofficial Member of the Urban Council and General Manager of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

Other members of the Committee will be widely representative of the principal interests involved together with the heads of government departments concerned with the environment.

The Committee will have the following terms of reference:-

- * to keep under review the state of the environment as regards land and water pollution in Hong Kong; and
- * to advise the Governor on the measures which might broadly be taken to control such pollution.

A Government spokesman said that environmental pollution in all its forms was a matter of growing public concern throughout the world, and that in Hong Kong there was a growing awareness of the problem where it was clearly a matter of especial concern because of the size of the population and our limited land resources.

The new Committee will supplement the work of the existing advisory Committee on Air Pollution in advising Government on all matters regarding pollution on land and water.

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ROYAL VISITOR'S OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS

Route Princess Will Take

Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne will go for a cruise with the 14th/20th King's Hussars aboard "The Lady Maurine" tomorrow (October 30). She is Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

Earlier, Princess Anne will visit R.A.F. Kai Tak and the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool and Recreation Ground. In the evening, she will attend a buffet supper at Government House.

People may see the Princess on the routes along which she will travel. The routes are as follows:-

Her Royal Highness will leave Government House for Queen's Pier at 9.25 a.m. via 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.

At Queen's Pier, she will board "The Lady Maurine" and leave for Promontory Pier, Kai Tak, where she will proceed in a car to R.A.F. Kai Tak.

The Princess will leave R.A.F. Kai Tak at 10.25 a.m. for the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool and Recreation Ground. She will travel along Kwun Tong Road, Lei Yue Mun Road, Tsui Ping Road and Kai Lim Road.

From the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool and Recreation Ground, she will leave at 11.20 a.m. for Kwun Tong Public Pier via Kai Lim Road, Tsui Ping Road, Lei Yue Mun Road, Hoi Yuen Road, Wa Yip Street and Hoi Bun Road.

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At the Pier, Her Royal Highness will board "The Lady Maurine" for a cruise with the 14th/20th King's Hussars.

After the cruise, she will arrive at Queen's Pier at about 5.45 p.m. and then return to Government House. The motorcade will go along Murray Road, Harcourt Road, Cotton Tree Drive, Kennedy Road and Upper Albert Road.

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ROYAL VISIT - PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

Note To Editors:

Transport will be provided for Press representatives accredited to cover the visit tomorrow (October 30) of Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne to R.A.F. Kai Tak and the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool and Recreation Ground.

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

For R.A.F. Kai Tak 9.00 a.m.

The bus will take Press representatives back to Kowloon Public Pier at about 11.00 a.m.

For Kwun Tong Swimming Pool and Recreation Ground 9.00 a.m.

The bus will leave Kwun Tong Swimming Pool and Recreation Ground at 11.30 a.m. and take Press representatives back to Kowloon Public Pier.

The bus will leave **punctually** at the times stated above.

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CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1971

Joint Trial Of Two Or More Indictments

A Bill to enable the Attorney General to apply to the Supreme Court for an order directing the joint trial of two or more indictments where the persons charged are alleged to have committed an offence which is common to each indictment. will be shortly introduced.

The Criminal Procedure (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 1971, published for general information in today's Gazette, seeks to effect this public time and money saving change.

Under the existing Ordinance, if where one or more accused persons are awaiting trial on indictment and another person is later arrested and charged with participating in the commission of the same offence, two separate trials are required to dispose of a matter which, if joinder were permitted, could be disposed of in one.

Commenting on the Bill the Attorney General, Mr. D.T.E. Roberts, said today, the present method entailed considerable wastage of public money and time.

If the proposed amendment is adopted, the rights of all accused are protected in that the court may decline to make an order for the joint trial of particular indictments where it feels that a joinder would result in prejudice to any accused, he added.

The introduction of the procedure embodied in the Bill would also enable a joinder of charges in similar circumstances in the District Court.

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TEN LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR AUCTION

Three In Castle Peak for Industrial Purposes

Seven lots of crown land will be put on sale by auction on Friday, November 26, 1971, at 2.30 p.m. in the Lecture Room on the 8th floor of City Hall High Block.

Four of the land lots, on Hong Kong Island, are for private residential purposes, and the other three in Kowloon are for non-industrial purposes.

Another three lots of crown land in Castle Peak will be put on sale by auction on Tuesday, November 23, 1971, at 2.30 p.m. in the Yuen Long Town Hall, Yuen Long.

The three lots, with a total area of 74,240 square feet, are for industrial purposes.

Particulars of the lots are as follows:

- * Rural Building Lot No. 914, off Chung Hom Kok Road, Hong Kong, area 102,000 square feet, for private residential purposes, upset price \$2,500,000.
- * Rural Building Lot No. 838, Tai Tam Road, Hong Kong, area 22,500 square feet, for private residential purposes, upset price \$560,000.
- * Rural Building Lot No. 839, Tai Tam Road, Hong Kong, area 19,000 square feet, for private residential purposes, upset price \$480,000.
- * Rural Building Lot No. 840, Tai Tam Road, Hong Kong, area 15,220 square feet, for private residential purposes, upset price \$380,000.
- * Kowloon Inland Lot No. 9892 (with existing buildings), 22-26 Portland Street, Kowloon, area 2,101 square feet, for non-industrial purposes, upset price \$315,000.

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- * Kowloon Inland Lot No. 9908 (with existing buildings), 10-12 Hillwood Road, Kowloon, area 4,735 square feet, for non-industrial purposes, upset price \$1,330,000.
- * Kowloon Inland Lot No. 9909, 130 Austin Road, Kowloon, area 3,016 square feet, for non-industrial purposes, upset price \$820,000.
- * Castle Peak Town Lot No. 43, Castle Peak Area 12, New Territories, area 40,900 square feet, for industrial purposes.
- * Castle Peak Town Lot No. 44, Castle Peak Area 12, New Territories, area 23,340 square feet, for industrial purposes.
- * Castle Peak Town Lot No. 45, Castle Peak Area 12, New Territories, area 10,000 square feet, for industrial purposes.

For the seven lots on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon, full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from and sale plans inspected at the Central Enquiry Sub-office, Central Government Offices (West Wing), Ground Floor, Hong Kong and at the Crown Lands & Survey Office, Kowloon Government Offices, 405, Nathan Road, 10th floor, Kowloon.

For the three land lots in Castle Peak, full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from and sale plans inspected at the New Territories Administration, North Kowloon Magistracy, Tai Po Road, Kowloon and at the District Offices of Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan, Tai Po, Sai Kung and Island, International Building, Central, Hong Kong.

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VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ANNE
Official Programme for Saturday, 30.10.71

Note To Editors: The following is the Royal Visit programme for Saturday, 30th October, 1971:-

9.25 a.m. - Her Royal Highness will leave Government House, accompanied by Mrs. Fisher, for Queen's Pier, where she will board "The Lady Maurine" for the passage across the harbour to the Promontory Pier at Kai Tak.

9.55 a.m. - On arrival at Promontory Pier, Kai Tak, Her Royal Highness will be met by the Airport General Manager, Mr. W.J. Morgan. Her Royal Highness will enter the car and leave for R.A.F. Kai Tak.

R.A.F. Kai Tak

10.00 a.m. - Her Royal Highness will arrive by car at Green Gate, R.A.F. Kai Tak, where an escort vehicle will lead the party to the reception area. Her Royal Highness will be greeted by the Commander, Royal Air Force Hong Kong, Air Commodore C.L. Godwin, A.F.C. and Mrs. Godwin. Air Commodore Godwin will present the Station Commander Royal Air Force Kai Tak, Wing Commander S.E. King and Mrs. King. Wing Commander King will present the officers Commanding Squadrons who will, in turn, present members of their Squadrons with their wives.

10.25 a.m. - Her Royal Highness will enter the car and leave R.A.F. Kai Tak by the main gate for Tsui Ping Road, Kwun Tong.

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Kwun Tong

10.30 a.m. - Her Royal Highness will arrive at Kwun Tong Swimming Pool and Recreation Ground, where she will be greeted by the Hon. D.R.W. Alexander, M.B.E., Chairman of the Urban Council. Mr. Alexander will present the Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Select Committee, Mr. A. de O. Sales, O.B.E.; the Chairman of the Stewards of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, the Hon. J.A.H. Saunders, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.; and the Director of Public Works, the Hon. J.J. Robson.

Her Royal Highness will be escorted up the steps by Mr. Alexander who will present, at the top of the steps, the Commissioner St. John Ambulance Brigade, Colonel H.A. de Barros Botelho, O.B.E., E.D.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Colonel Botelho, will inspect the Guard of Honour of St. John Ambulance Cadet Corps and then be escorted to the dais by the Chairman of the Urban Council. Mr. Alexander will present Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Sales, Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Robson.

Her Royal Highness will take her place on the dais and the National Anthem will be played by the Band of 14th/20th King's Hussars.

The Chairman of the Urban Council will speak. (The speech will be translated into Cantonese). The Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Select Committee will speak. (The speech will be translated into Cantonese).

The Chairman of the Urban Council will then escort Her Royal Highness, followed by the Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Select Committee, the Chairman of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Director of Public Works, to the plaque which Her Royal Highness will unveil.

(Her Royal Highness will say a few words which will be translated into Cantonese.)

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- 10.47 a.m. - Her Royal Highness will return to the dais and watch a Northern Chinese Lion Dance.
- 10.54 a.m. - Her Royal Highness will leave the dais. The Chairman of the Urban Council will present the Assistant Director of Urban Services (Recreation & Amenities) Mr. P. Bishop, the Senior Executive Officer (Swimming) Mr. M.C. Ho, the Senior Education Officer (Physical Education) Mr. M.C. Gaswell, the Project Architect Mr. Edwin Leung, and the Contractor, Mr. John H.T. Lok.
- 10.55 a.m. - Her Royal Highness will tour the Swimming Pools.
- 11.20 a.m. - Her Royal Highness will enter the car and leave for Kwun Tong Public Pier, accompanied by Mrs. Fisher. On arrival at Kwun Tong Public Pier, Her Royal Highness will be greeted by Major M. Heyer-Lyford and escorted on board "The Lady Maurine" for a cruise with the 14th/20th King's Hussars.
- 5.45 p.m. (approx.) - "The Lady Maurine" will arrive at Queen's Pier and Her Royal Highness will return to Government House.
- 8.00 p.m. - Buffet Supper at Government House.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FLYOVER

Linking Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street

Motorists are advised that the flyover linking Prince Edward Road (outside Kai Tak Airport) and Argyle Street will be temporarily closed to west-bound traffic on November 1 to 4, 1971 for six hours daily from mid-night to 6.00 a.m. to facilitate the construction of flyovers.

Traffic from San Po Kong will be diverted to Argyle Street via the ground level road at the Kowloon City Roundabout.

Adequate signs will be posted to guide motorists during the closures.

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PARCEL POST TO THE PHILIPPINES

The Postmaster General announced today that he had been advised by the Postal Administration of the Philippines that as from November 1, 1971, and until further notice, the maximum weight of parcels which may be accepted for delivery in the Philippines will be restricted to three kilogrammes (7 lbs).

In addition, the number of parcels which may be sent by one sender to the same addressee will be restricted to one parcel per week.

The Philippines Administration had said that parcels not conforming to these restrictions will be returned to sender, he said.

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TEMPORARY WATER STOPPAGE IN MID-LEVELS

Work On Mains Connection

Water supply to a number of houses in the Mid-levels on Hong Kong Island will be interrupted between 10 p.m. tomorrow (October 30) and 6 a.m. on Sunday (October 31).

This temporary stoppage of water supply is to enable the staff of the Waterworks Office to connect up fresh water mains at Robinson Road, junction of Seymour Road.

The houses affected are Nos. 11-79 and 22-70 Robinson Road; 15-31, Shelley Street; 52-88, Caine Road; 78-84, Peel Street; and all premises in Seymour Terrace, Mosque junction, Mosque Street, Leong Fee Terrace, Prince's Terrace, Rednaxela Terrace, Chico Terrace, Ying Fai Terrace and Seymour Road.

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VISIT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ANNE

Sunday's Engagements

IMPORTANT NOTE TO EDITORS:

In view of the heavy motor traffic expected along the roads of the New Territories on Sunday, it will be necessary for the Royal Visit press buses for Sek Kong as well as for the horse-riding event in the New Territories to leave Kowloon Public Pier half an hour in advance of the scheduled times.

Please note that the departure times from Kowloon Public Pier will now be:

For Sek Kong - at 9 a.m. instead of 9.30 a.m.

For Horse-riding - at 11.15 a.m. instead of 11.45 a.m.

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QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS

The Port Health Authorities announced today that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Lisbon (excluding port and airport), Portugal, on account of cholera.

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PRINCESS PAYS SURPRISE VISIT

To Family At Chai Wan

Her Royal Highness the Princess Anne paid a surprise visit to Mr. Loo Wing's family at Chai Wan resettlement estate this (Friday) afternoon after inspecting the Save the Children Fund Day Care Centre at Chai Wan.

Mr. Loo, the father of six children, welcomed the smiling Princess into his small room on the first floor of Block 22 of the estate.

After entering, the Princess sat on a tier bunk in the room and chatted with the family. She showed great interest in their welfare.

She asked the eldest daughter, Loo Lai-kai, 18, whether she was still in school.

The girl replied that she had finished her secondary schooling and is now working as a cashier.

The Princess stayed with the family for nearly ten minutes and signed her name on a red Chinese silk scarf before leaving them.

Mr. Loo later told the press that he had never had such honour before.

Mr. Loo has been associated with the Save the Children Fund for more than ten years.

Two of his children were brought up at the Fund's Day Care Centre at Chai Wan, and all his children were once members of the Fund's play centre until it was converted in February this year into a training centre for retarded children.

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Release time: 7.30 p.m.