



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1975

## LEGCO MEETING TOMORROW

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DEBATE ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION BILL 1975 WILL RESUME AT TOMORROW'S (WEDNESDAY) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

IN AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE, THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL SPEAK ON THE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE DISCONTINUATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WHO COME FROM POORER FAMILIES.

DURING QUESTION TIME, HE WILL ALSO ASK WHETHER A CONTINUOUS CAMPAIGN CAN BE CARRIED OUT AGAINST HEAVY CIGARETTE SMOKING AS BEING A LIKELY CAUSE OF CANCER, AS WELL AS WHAT THE HEALTH EDUCATION PLANS FOR 1975/76 ARE AND WHETHER THEY INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF A HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT.

THE HON. J.H. BREMRIDGE WILL ASK WHEN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION FOR 1974 WILL BE LAID BEFORE COUNCIL.

THE HON. R. H. LOBO WILL ENQUIRE WHAT ACTION THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING AGAINST LOCALLY REGISTERED COMPANIES WHICH DEAL IN COMMODITIES OVERSEAS AGAINST WHICH COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE COMMERCIAL CRIME OFFICE OF FRAUD AND SWINDLES.

THE QUESTION OF LEGISLATIVE CONTROL ON PORNOGRAPHY WILL ALSO BE RAISED BY THE HON. MISS KO SIU-WAH WHO WILL SEEK AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AS TO WHEN FIRMER LAWS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO CURB THE PUBLICATION AND CIRCULATION OF MATERIALS AND MAGAZINES OF A PORNOGRAPHIC AND VIOLENT NATURE PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF THOSE AIMED AT CHILDREN AND YOUTHS.

THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN WILL QUERY THE GOVERNMENT WHETHER IT WILL GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE NEED TO RAISE THE BUDGET OF \$200,000 EARMARKED FOR THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT FROM OVERSEAS.

THE HON. Q.W. LEE WILL ALSO ASK THE GOVERNMENT WHEN A DECISION WILL BE MADE ON WAIVING THE RATES OF VACANT DOMESTIC PREMISES WHICH WAS MENTIONED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH.

IN ADDITION TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION BILL, SIX OTHER BILLS ARE TO BE LAID BEFORE COUNCIL FOR THEIR SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. THREE NEW BILLS — THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL, THE LOANS BILL AND THE LABOUR RELATIONS BILL — WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED.

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WEEKLY STATISTICS ON VIRAL HEPATITIS

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A TOTAL OF 68 CASES OF VIRAL HEPATITIS WAS NOTIFIED TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT DURING THE WEEK ENDING MAY 3. THIS COMPARES WITH 69 IN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL, 83 IN THE SECOND WEEK, 71 IN THE THIRD WEEK AND 48 IN THE FOURTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT IN VIEW OF THE RECENT INCREASE IN THE INCIDENCE OF THE DISEASE, THE DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO ISSUE WEEKLY FIGURES IN THE COMING WEEKS TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THE TREND OF THIS INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND ALSO TO REMIND THE PUBLIC TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN SAFEGUARDING THEMSELVES AGAINST THIS DISEASE.

NO DEATHS FROM THIS DISEASE WERE REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, HE SAID.

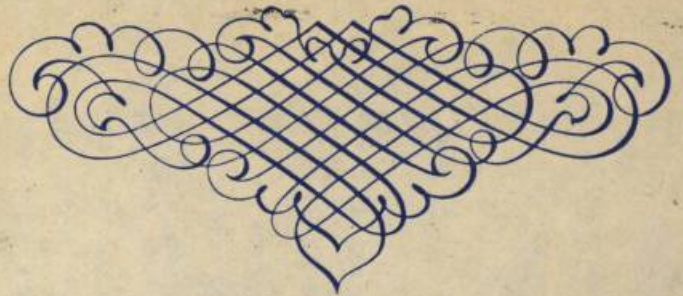
AS REGARDS AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CASES NOTIFIED SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CASES WAS RECORDED IN THE AGE GROUP 20-24, REPRESENTING 23 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CASES WERE TRANSMITTED BY CONTAMINATED FOOD AND DRINK.

HE AGAIN URGED THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE STRICT PERSONAL AND FOOD HYGIENE AND TO KEEP THEIR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

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# ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



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## QUEEN AND DUKE ATTEND RECEPTION AT OCEAN TERMINAL

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Arriving by hover ferry at the Ocean Terminal, for a reception attended by 2,000 Hong Kong people from all walks of life, the Queen and the Duke were met at the main entrance by the Governor, who presented the Chairman of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Mr. David Newbigging, and the General Manager, Mr. H.M.G. Forsgate, and their wives.

The Royal party then walked to the main concourse, where the band of the Royal Hong Kong Police, under their director of music, Superintendent Colin Wood, played the National Anthem, at the end of which there was loud applause.

The Queen and the Duke then separated and moved among the crowd, while the band played marches and a selection of tunes which included "Georgy Girl", "Hello Young Lovers", "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning", a selection from "The Sound of Music" and songs from Jamaica and the Bahamas.

The Queen and the Duke met perhaps the most representative cross-section of the community ever assembled under one roof. Participants at the reception included footballers, film stars, a postman, a bus driver, the driver of a quayside crane, farmers, hawkers and members of mutual aid committees, as well as businessmen, teachers, doctors and nurses.

Mr. Lau Lun, a street sweeper, was present. He has been at his "beat" in the Tsim Sha Tsui and Yau Ma Tei districts of Kowloon, for 29 years.

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Church representatives were Mother Superior Robina, Supervisor of the Roman Catholic St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, and the Reverend Sik Wai Chun, the Abbot of the Buddhist Min Fat Monastery.

Over the festive scene was a plaque unveiled by the Queen's sister, Princess Margaret, which she presented to mark the occasion of her visit to the Ocean Terminal in March 1966.

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### QUEEN VISITS NEW TERRITORIES

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This morning, while the Duke of Edinburgh flew under an overcast sky by helicopter, to the Chinese University, the Queen boarded a hover ferry to visit the Tsuen Wan Sports Ground.

Before leaving Queen's Pier, the Governor presented the managing director of the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company, Mr. Lau Chan-kwok, and the general manager, Mr. Edmund T.C. Lau.

While she was crossing the harbour the band of the Brigade of Gurkhas was entertaining the crowd of about 6,000 at the sports ground by marching and counter-marching to the tunes of their regimental March, +Lutzow Wild Hunt+, +Marching Through Georgia+, +Golden Spurs+, +Clochemerle+ and +The road to the Isles+.

When the hover ferry, flying the Royal Standard, arrived at Tsuen Wan the Governor presented to the Queen the Secretary for the New Territories, Mr. David Akers-Jones, the District Police Commander, Mr. M.C. Illingworth, and the District Officer of Tsuen Wan, Mr. J.A. Hayes.

The Queen then entered the sports ground, where she waved to the crowd, most of whom were children from schools in the New Territories. Her arrival was announced by a fanfare of 12 bugles.

Her costume and wide-brimmed hat was voted by at least one woman in the ground as the most attractive she has yet worn during the visit.

/Mr. Akers-Jones .....

Mr. Akers-Jones presented to her the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Heung Yee Kuk, the chairmen of the rural committees of Tsuen Wan, Tsing Yi and Ma Wan, and 15 Justices of the Peace.

When the Queen mounted the dais the band played the National Anthem. She was then invited to perform the ceremony of dotting the eyes of the green and gold dragon. Seventy five yards long, the dragon was worked by 54 Hong Kong Chinese members of the 31st Regiment of the Royal Corps of Transport.

The Queen dotted the eyes and then went further, also dotting the dragon's tongue and a protuberance on its forehead which is variously described as its +mind+, or +dignity+. The tradition is that the dragon is asleep after it is made and cannot dance until the pupils have been painted in with a calligraphic pen. The Queen used bright red paint.

She then returned to the dais to watch a performance of dances by four schools, the Tak Ching Middle School, the Bishop Hall Jubilee Middle School, the Sacred Heart Canossian and Mansfield College.

The dancers, all girls, did fan dances, ribbon dances and a flower drum dance. They lightened a cloudy day with their costumes. One group of fan dancers wore light green dresses with dark green jackets and carried pink fans, while another group had pink dresses with yellow fans. They had imitation jewellery in their hair.

The ribbon dancers had light pink dresses and their ribbons were dark red, While the flower drum dancers wore white, with red ribbons in their hair.

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DUKE PROVIDES BONUS FOR SPECTATORS

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The late arrival of the Queen at the Kwai Chung Container Terminal today provided an unexpected bonus for staff workers and school children.

They had gathered at the Modern Terminals Limited quay area to catch what was to have been a fleeting five-minute glimpse of the Royal visitors.

But with the Queen running late from her visit to Tsuen Wan, Prince Philip spent more than half an hour talking to delighted members of the sight-seeing crowd.

Piloting a Royal Air Force helicopter, the Duke landed at the Terminal's helipad just before 11 a.m.

He was met by the company's managing director, Mr. A.J.D. Lygo, and the Terminal's operations manager, Mr. J.B. Schottmann.

The Duke, instead of walking straight to the Lady Maurine to await the Queen, walked over to a group of the company's staff, clients, and their families.

He spoke to about 20 different people before moving on to a group of 120 school children from the Kowloon Junior School and King George Fifth School who had turned up.

The young children squealed with delight and waved flags as the Duke moved among them for 10 minutes.

Then he spent about another 10 minutes speaking to the Terminal's workers, all of them wearing safety helmets and most of them in singlets.

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The Duke broke off this informal and unplanned "walkabout" only when news came that the Queen was about to arrive.

After the Queen's introduction to company officials, the Queen and the Duke, accompanied by the Governor and other senior officials, boarded a hover ferry for the Ocean Terminal to a final burst of cheering from the workers and the school children.

The Royal party was to have gone to the Ocean Terminal in The Lady Maurine, the Governor's yacht, but because they were running behind schedule, the hover ferry was substituted at the last minute.

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DUKE TOURS CHINESE UNIVERSITY

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The Duke of Edinburgh spent just over half an hour at the Chinese University of Hong Kong this morning.

Arriving by helicopter, he landed in the Chung Chi College Sports Field where the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Donys Roberts presented the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Li Choh-ming.

Among those present to welcome the Duke were the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Y.S. Yu who is the President of New Asia College, Dr. C.T. Yung, the President of Chung Chi College and Mr. T.C. Cheng, the President of United College. While there, he chatted with some staff and students.

The Duke drove through part of the 331 acres of the campus which overlooks beautiful Tolo Harbour.

The Chinese University, incorporated in October 1963, is a self-governing corporation drawing its income mainly from grants made by the Hong Kong Government.

The enrolment of undergraduates is now about 3,200. In addition there are over 300 graduate students.

The University has four Faculties at the undergraduate level - Arts, Science, Social Science and Business Administration.

At the graduate level, higher degree and diploma courses are offered by the Graduate School and in the School of Education. The Department of Extramural Studies offers a large number of general, certificate and correspondence courses in a wide range of subjects.

The University actively provides faculty members with research facilities.

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There are three research institutes - the Institute of Social Studies and the Humanities, the Institute of Science and Technology and the Institute of Chinese Studies. Various research centres now exist within the three Institutes to concentrate on specific fields of studies.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out to the Duke the various buildings in the campus, including the H-shaped Science Centre, completed in 1972 with a donation of about \$4 million from the British Government. The Hong Kong Government paid the balance of \$12.5 million.

Recently, the Institution of Electrical Engineers in London informed the University's Department of Electronics that the B. Sc. in Electronics "satisfies the educational requirements of the Institution in full provided a satisfactory report is received each year from the External Examiner."

A recent edition of the Chinese University Newsletter stated: "This is the first time that recognition was sought from the Institution and it is an honour to obtain such a recognition with only the first batch of graduates in the last academic year."

A helium liquefaction plant and a neutron generator are among the high quality equipment used for research in the Department of Physics at the Science Centre.

The Chinese University, as a new academic institution, has sought advisers from England and the United States and has set up staff and student exchange programmes with a number of American universities as well as with universities in Germany, France and Japan.

The academic standards of the Chinese University are recognised internationally in these exchange programmes.

After giving the Duke of Edinburgh a briefing on the Science Centre, Dr. Li Choh-ming took him to the Institute of Chinese Studies,

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which was established in 1967. The building was completed in 1970 and fully operational in January 1971.

The objectives of the Institute are as follows:

- + To promote scholarship in Chinese Studies in Hong Kong and overseas by serving as an international centre for Chinese Studies.
- + To develop a well-integrated programme of teaching and research in Chinese Studies viewed within the context of Asian and world developments.
- + To provide interested local and visiting academic members of the University with the necessary facilities to help them strengthen their teaching and research abilities.
- + To encourage the exchange of knowledge and experience in Chinese Studies through an effective programme of publication, academic conferences and research seminars.

The Duke was then conducted into the Art Gallery, founded in the summer of 1971 to serve both as a teaching museum for the fine arts programme and as a centre of research on Chinese art and archaeology. The gallery is open to the public on all holidays and weekends.

His Royal Highness showed great interest in a collection of carved jades and Chinese paintings and calligraphy.

He then left the campus by helicopter for the Kwai Chung Container Terminal to join the Queen.

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DEPARTURE OF QUEEN AND DUKE

Brief Farewell Ceremony Tomorrow At Airport

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The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will leave Hong Kong tomorrow morning for Tokyo to begin their state visit to Japan. They will depart early in order to be able to arrive at Tokyo before noon for a ceremonial welcome.

Arrangements for the departure will be simple and informal.

The Queen and the Duke, accompanied by the Governor and Lady MacLehose, will leave Government House by car for Hong Kong International Airport at 9.05 a.m.

The Royal party will use the harbour tunnel for the crossing and is expected to arrive at the airport at 9.20 a.m.

On the tarmac, the Queen and the Duke will be seen off by the Governor, Lady MacLehose, and other officials.

The aircraft doors will close at 9.25 a.m.

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DUKE PRESENTS EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARDS TO 34 YOUNG PEOPLE

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Prince Philip early this evening presented the gold award of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme to 34 young men and women at a ceremony in Government House.

The award winners were aged between 18 and 25. There were actually 35 winners, but one is abroad. Of the 34, one award was received by the father of Mr. Lea Shea, who could not be present.

The Duke was accompanied by the Governor. Also attending was Mr. Peter P.K. Ng, an appointed member of the Urban Council and chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Award Committee.

Mr. Ng said it had originally been thought that Prince Philip would only be presenting 27 awards at the ceremony this evening.

"But the total grew as more and more candidates exerted themselves to complete their assignments on time to receive the gold award from the hands of His Royal Highness," he commented.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme began operating in Hong Kong in 1961. The scheme for boys was introduced in March 1961, and for girls in August 1963. Five years later, the two were merged to form a joint scheme.

Hong Kong will be the host country for the third Commonwealth Gold Award Expedition later this year. Arrangements for the Expedition are being organised by a committee under the chairmanship of Sir Kenneth Ping-fan Fung.

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During the presentation of the awards, Prince Philip had a few words to say to each recipient, wanting to know the names of their schools, the organisations to which they belonged, what their interests generally were, and what they did normally.

After the presentations, the Duke mingled with the award winners and their families. The ceremony ended, to everyone's surprise, when Prince Philip invited the recipients to pose with him for a group photograph.

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WARM WELCOME FOR QUEEN & DUKE  
AT UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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Hundreds of students of the University of Hong Kong gave the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh a warm welcome this afternoon.

They packed the corridors and balconies to catch a glimpse of the Royal couple.

The party accompanying the Royal visitors had to clear a path for the Queen as students crowded into corridors along the whole route.

The Queen, dressed in a multi-coloured pink dress with full sleeves and a rose-coloured hat, was quite unflustered by the milling crowds and spent 20 minutes chatting happily to students and staff.

On arrival, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were presented by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose in his capacity as the Chancellor, to the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rayson Huang and the two Pro-Vice Chancellors, Professor D.M.E. Evans and Professor Y.C. Wong.

Dr. Huang conducted the Queen and the Duke to the Loke Yew Hall where they chatted with the academic members of the Council.

The Royal couple spent some time in the Hall and showed great interest in the display of photographs of the University as well as some books and models.

They then left the hall to mingle and chat with other staff and students in the corridors.

/As the Queen .....

As the Queen stepped into the Royal car at the end of the visit happy students again crowded around and it was some minutes before the road could be cleared for her motorcade to move on to Aberdeen.

They were warmly cheered as the Royal motorcade moved off.

A meeting with staff and students on the lawn, which was originally planned, had to be cancelled because of rain.

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QUEEN WATCHES WATER PAGEANT AT ABERDEEN

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Following their visit to Hong Kong University, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh drove to the Marine Licensing Office pier at Aberdeen. The Governor presented the Director of Home Affairs, Mr. E.P. Ho, and the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. E.H. Nichols, and their wives.

Then, the Royal party boarded the Governor's launch, "The Lady Maurine", which was dressed overall and gleaming with white paint and highly polished brass. For the showery afternoon, the Queen put on a beige raincoat, but she had changed from her morning outfit and now wore a multi-coloured pink dress with full sleeves and a rose-coloured hat, white gloves and three ropes of pearls.

Escorted by two racing dragon boats, each with a team of 48 rowers, a cox and a drummer to beat the time, "The Lady Maurine" sailed to the "Tai Pak," a sea-food floating restaurant. Its special red carpets and purple hangings were outshone by its own traditional, gaily painted colours. The top was shaped like a Chinese temple, and dragons' heads with electrically-lit eyes leant over the water like gargoyles.

Before boarding the "Tai Pak" the Queen took off her raincoat as the weather had improved. Their arrival was applauded by the guests on the "Tai Pak", where the Governor presented the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr. K.S. Lo, who presented the other committee members.

/The Royal party .....

The Royal party, sitting on black wooden chairs inlaid with mother-of-pearl, then watched a passing procession of boats, decorated in honour of the 996th birthday of the goddess Tin Hau. Fishermen believe that Tin Hau calms the seas, protects them from devils and sickness, and helps them make bountiful catches.

First came 12 mechanised sampans, then 18 fishing boats illustrating the different methods of fishing, including purse seiners, gill netters, shrimp trawlers, sampans operating with hooks and lines, and otter trawlers. The Queen and the Duke waved to the people on each one, and their waves were delighted returned. With Mr. Lo beside her, giving explanations, and studying her programme, the Queen was clearly interested in the procession, often leaning forward to see what was coming next.

Next, heralded by loud Chinese music drifting across the water, came a feather fan dance done on a lighter by fishermen's daughters in green silk uniforms and waving pink fans. The Queen and the Duke applauded warmly, as they did the following lighters and junks portraying a traditional Chinese wedding ceremony, complete with sedan chair in which to carry the bride to the bridegroom's home, and a tableau of fishing activities such as mending nets and baiting hooks.

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Finally, there were more lighters with young men giving a demonstration of a type of kung-fu ( the siu-mui-fa, a boxing style of the Choy Lee Buddha Kung-Fu Clan) and a fragment of Chinese opera. It was "The Triumphant Return" of Madame Fan Li-hua (a Tang Dynasty female field-marshal) after her victory over a rabellious vassal state, with elaborately beautiful costumes.

The boats and junks in the procession, as well as those in the harbour, were alive with bravely flying coloured flags, fishing nets, laundry lines, children and dogs. On each of them live one or more families from the time they are born to the time they die. Aberdeen is home for about 1,600 people on 900 trawlers, 200 liners, 300 netters, 30 seiners and other small craft. Altogether in and around Hong Kong there are about 9,000 fishermen (with 2,000 dependents who are not involved with the industry.)

Together with music provided by drums and cymbals, and the pattering of boats' engines, the scene was one of unforgettable, bustling movement. As the Queen and the Duke passed throught the lines of boats the Boat People were cheering. And the rain, which had been drizzling fitfully, came down in earnest. But the Queen was under cover, first on "The Lady Maurine" and then on a hover ferry on her way to Queen's Pier.

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GRAND FINALE TO ROYAL VISIT

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Nathan Road tonight was turned into a stage for the grand finale to the Royal Visit.

The gnarled survivors of its once extensive avenue of trees served as wings for the entrances and exits of as colourful a troupe of performers as ever entertained a monarch.

And it quickly became clear to many of the thousands gathered there to watch the grand procession, staged by various sectors of the community, that what they and the Queen were witnessing tonight might well have been the kind of pageantry witnessed by a Chinese emperor hundreds of years ago.

For the entire emphasis of the procession was on tradition that had stood the test of centuries.

It was equally obvious to the spectators that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, flanked by the Governor and Lady MacLehose under a Chinese pavilion with gold roof and vermilion pillars, were enjoying this spectacle as much as they were.

The Queen's arrival evoked cheers of admiration from the crowd, who had braved a persistent drizzle to gather some two hours beforehand. She was regally attired in a sleeveless green dress embroidered with pink roses, and for the first time during her brief visit to Hong Kong she was wearing a diamond tiara - the Queen Mary Tiara.

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The traditional Chinese touch extended to the typically Chinese waxed paper parasol with which an escort shielded her from the drizzle as the various members of the Organising Committee were presented to her by the Committee Chairman, Mr. A. De O. Sales.

When she was about to take her seat in the pavilion, the Governor played Sir Walter Raleigh by laying his raincoat on her chair, inevitably dampened by the weather.

The parade was led off by a representative contingent of the armed forces, comprising the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards, 'C' Squadron Royal Tank Regiment, the Hong Kong Military Service Corps, the Royal Hong Kong Regiment 'The Volunteers', the Royal Hampshire Regiment and the 20th Light Regiment Royal Artillery.

The Southern Band of the Royal Air Force, which had entertained guests before the arrival of the Royal party, gave way to the corps of drums of the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards and the band of the 1st Battalion the Royal Hampshire Regiment. The military contingent was followed offstage by the massed pipes and drums of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

Next came music of a very different order, quiet, restrained and performed by the Lung Cheung Orchestra on traditional Chinese instruments. The musicians themselves were dressed in traditional gowns, playing just below and to the right of the Royal Box, as they would for an opera on stage.

The atmosphere of the stage was reinforced from the very first item, a complex dance depicting how lotus fairies are awakened by festive maidens so that they join in the revelry. Presented by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, the dance revolved around a giant lotus blossom pulled on wheels.

/Next came .....

Next came a pageant of the eight immortals, staged by the Po Leung Kuk. The immortals, skilfully mounted on stilts, were attended by youngsters carrying the symbols of fishes, crabs and other denizens of the sea - all purportedly on their way to attend the birthday celebrations of the Goddess of the West.

The goddess herself figured in the following tableau, presented by the New Method College. Groups of gorgeously attired maidens swirled around her, wheeling their glittering fans to elicit bursts of applause from the crowds.

The Duke of Edinburgh, evidently intrigued by the dance of the south lions which figured next on the programme, turned to the Vice-Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr. Liu-lit Mo, seated behind him. Mr. Liu explained aspects of the dance, presented by the Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Association.

Breathtaking acrobatics were featured in the following item, illustrating the travels of Monk Hsuan Chuang with his faithful disciples, the Monkey King, the pig Pat Kai and the Monk Hsia. A presentation of the Pok Oi Hospital, this display elicited loud applause.

The insistent rhythm of gongs, and of sticks beaten together, accompanied two very different dances staged by the Chiu Chau Association, the second of which included the heroes of the famous Chinese novel 'The Water Margin'.

The women's Associations based their presentation on a painting of a phoenix presented by a Ching Dynasty artist in tribute to his empress. The towering and intricately decorated effigy of a phoenix was the centrepiece of this display, surrounded by scores of youngsters dressed as lesser birds. The crowd were delighted when the phoenix beat its mechanical wings in time to the music.

Lions of a different order were next on the scene. These were modelled on the dancing lions of northern China, and put on an astonishing display of agility which greatly amused the Royal visitors. They were presented by the Federation of Hong Kong Industries and the Chinese Manufacturers Association.

But it was the 150-foot golden dragon, specially fashioned for this occasion by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Associations, which put the royal seal on the evening, for the dragon is the time-honoured Chinese symbol of monarchy and no truly regal occasion would be complete without it.

A final roar of appreciation from the crowd greeted the departure of the Queen and the Duke, who left, with a last wave of the hand for the drive to Government House on the eve of their departure from Hong Kong.

Meanwhile the procession was still wending northward, entertaining thousands of other Hong Kong residents who never got near enough to see the Queen but who were still enraptured by what they saw.

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GOVERNOR MADE K.C.V.O

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The Queen this evening invested the following people with the  
Insignia of the Royal Victorian Order:-

Sir Murray MacLehose, KCMG, MBE. K.C.V.O.

The Hon. D.C. Bray C.V.O.

Brigadier R.G. Lewthwaite, OBE, MC. C.V.O.

Mr. D.R. Ford M.V.O. IV

MR. H.V. BROWN, CPM M.V.O. IV

Miss Nancie Vincent, BEM. M.V.O. V

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