



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1977.

ARTS FESTIVAL HAS GROWN RAPIDLY IN STATURE AND QUALITY

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OPENED THE FIFTH HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL TODAY IN CITY HALL CONCERT HALL. SHE HAD BEEN INTRODUCED BY MR. RUN RUN SHAW, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY, WHO SAID THAT IN FIVE YEARS THE FESTIVAL HAD BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF HONG KONG'S COMMUNITY LIFE. IT HAD ALSO ATTRACTED TOURISTS AND COMBINED THE TALENTS OF WELL-KNOWN ARTISTS FROM THE EAST AND THE WEST.

+BUT+, HE ADDED, +PRIMARILY THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR ARTS FESTIVAL IS TO GIVE ALL OUR PEOPLE A MORE ABUNDANT CULTURAL LIFE.+

IN HER REPLY THE PRINCESS SAID THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE DELIGHTED TO BE BACK IN HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY DURING THE FESTIVAL, WHICH HAD GROWN RAPIDLY IN STATURE AND QUALITY SINCE ITS BEGINNING IN 1973.

+I HAVE WATCHED THE PHENOMENAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG,+ HER ROYAL HIGHNESS SAID, +AND AT THE SAME TIME THE THINGS YOU ARE DOING TO WIDEN THE LIFE OF YOUR COMMUNITY. YOU HAVE FOUND THAT MATERIAL SUCCESS IS NOT ENOUGH. I AM THEREFORE DELIGHTED THAT HONG KONG IS TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS UNIQUE POSITION AS A MEETING GROUND FOR THE CULTURAL HERITAGES OF THE EAST AND THE WEST, AND IS FAST DEVELOPING INTO AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS.+

THE PRINCESS HOPED THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL WOULD BE EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN EVER.

EARLIER, THERE HAD BEEN A FESTIVE AIR AT THE GALA OPENING ENTERTAINMENTS ENJOYED BY A CROWD OF OVER 1,000 WAITING IN EDINBURGH PLACE TO SEE THE PRINCESS ARRIVE. THE ONE-HOUR PROGRAMME BEGAN WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND IN WHITE AND BLACK DRESS UNIFORMS, WITH PIPES AND DRUMS. THEY MARCHED AND COUNTER-MARCHED, THEN HALTED WHILE THEIR DRUMMERS GAVE A SKILFUL DISPLAY OF DRUMSTICK TECHNIQUE.

THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY THE BAND AND BUGLES OF THE 1ST BATTALION THE LIGHT INFANTRY, WHO PROVIDED AN EFFECTIVE CONTRAST IN DARK GREEN UNIFORMS AND ALSO IN MARCHING STYLES, WITH THEIR TRADITIONALLY FAST PACE OF 140 STEPS TO THE MINUTE.

/+ ATTENTION THEN .....

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ATTENTION THEN TURNED TO THE HARBOUR, WHERE A FIREBOAT WAS SHOOTING JETS OF WATER INTO THE AIR. AND, ANNOUNCED BY THE SOUND OF CHINESE MUSIC DRIFTING OVER THE WATER, A JUNK ARRIVED AT QUEEN'S PIER, CARRYING SCHOOLGIRL DANCERS.

FOUR ACROBATS FROM THE HONG KONG MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION TURNED CARTWHEELS, AND WERE FOLLOWED BY STUDENTS OF THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE, WHO GRACEFULLY PERFORMED THE DANCE OF THE SILK BOUQUETS IN PINK UNIFORMS. GIRLS OF ST. CLARE'S SCHOOL THEN ADDED TO THE COLOURFUL SCENE BY GIVING THE DANCE OF THE SPRING BLOSSOMS IN GREEN SILK.

NOW IT WAS THE TURN OF THE SINGERS. THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHOIR SANG +THE FARMER'S LIFE IS GOOD+, IN MANDARIN, AND THE NEW METHOD COLLEGE SANG +RETURN FROM THE WESTERN PILGRIMAGE+. THIS WAS A PARTICULARLY LIVELY PERFORMANCE, WITH A GOLDEN FLOAT CARRYING A MAN PORTRAYING A MONK, AND TRADITIONAL CHARACTERS INCLUDING THE KING OF PIGS AND THE KING OF MONKEYS, ESCORTED BY DOZENS OF MONKEYS WHIRLING MAGIC WANDS TIPPED WITH GREEN LIGHTS.

FOR A FEW MOMENTS A GOLDEN DRAGON OVER 100 FEET LONG, AND THE DANCERS, WAITED IN THE COLD. THEN A FANFARE RANG OUT. CALLED +ROYAL ARRIVAL+, IT WAS THE FIRST OF TWO FANFARES ARRANGED FOR THE OCCASION BY THE LIGHT INFANTRY'S BANDMASTER, MR. K.W. NAPIER. IT HERALDED THE ARRIVAL BY CAR OF PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, HER HUSBAND, THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY, WITH THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, LADY MACLEHOSE AND THE PRINCESS'S LADY-IN-WAITING, LADY MARY FITZALAN-HOWARD.

THE PARTY WAS WELCOMED ON A FLOWER-BEDECKED REVIEWING STAND BY MR. RUN RUN SHAW, AND MISS BARBARA FEI RECITED A POEM ENTITLED +MEETING OF THE PARALLEL LINES.+ IT HAD BEEN SPECIALLY COMPOSED BY MR. HSU YU. IT TRACED THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AND ITS INCREASING CULTURAL AWARENESS. MISS FEI THEN PRESENTED THE PRINCESS WITH A SCROLL ON WHICH THE POEM HAD BEEN WRITTEN IN CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY.

THE PRINCESS, IN A DRESS OF DARK GREEN AND GOLD, THEN DOTTED THE EYES OF THE DRAGON TO START THE GOLDEN DRAGON DANCE. THE ARTS FESTIVAL FLAGS WERE BROKEN OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, WEARING THEIR NEW SCARLET, BLUE AND WHITE UNIFORMS FOR THE FIRST TIME. TWO POWERFUL SEARCHLIGHTS WERE SWITCHED ON, THEIR NEAR-VERTICAL BEAMS ANNOUNCING TO ALL HONG KONG THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL, AND OTHER LIGHTS PROJECTED THE FESTIVAL LOGO ON TO A WALL OF THE CITY HALL.

THE PRINCESS, THE GOVERNOR AND THEIR PARTY THEN WENT INTO THE CITY HALL AND WERE WELCOMED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR. A. DE O. SALES, AND MRS. SALES.

IN THE CONCERT HALL THE PRINCESS ENTERED TO THE SOUND OF THE SECOND FANFARE, +WELCOME TO THE PRINCESS+.

/+ AFTER FORMALLY -----

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AFTER FORMALLY OPENING THE FESTIVAL THE PRINCESS SETTLED DOWN TO LISTEN TO THE OPENING CONCERT. CONDUCTED BY HELEN QUACH, THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA PLAYED TCHAIKOVSKY'S FOURTH SYMPHONY, LIN SHENG SHINH'S +EXCERPTS FROM TIBETAN SKETCHES+, AND RODRIGO'S GUITAR CONCERTO.

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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OPENS HK ARTS FESTIVAL

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL TONIGHT :

YOUR EXCELLENCY, MR. SHAW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

+WE ARE BOTH OF US DELIGHTED TO BE BACK IN HONG KONG, AND ESPECIALLY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF STAYING HERE AT THE TIME OF YOUR ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS - A FESTIVAL WHICH HAS GROWN RAPIDLY IN STATURE AND QUALITY SINCE ITS BEGINNING IN 1973.

+TODAY IT IS AN IMPORTANT OCCASION WHICH ATTRACTS VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS AS WELL AS BRINGING ENTERTAINMENT AND DELIGHT TO THOUSANDS OF THOSE WHO LIVE HERE, OFFERING THEM AN IMAGINATIVE AND VARIED FOUR WEEKS PROGRAMME OF MUSIC, SINGING, ACTING AND DANCING, PERFORMED BY EMINENT ARTISTES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

+I HAVE WATCHED THE PHENOMENAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG, AND AT THE SAME TIME THE THINGS YOU ARE DOING TO WIDEN THE LIFE OF YOUR COMMUNITY. YOU HAVE FOUND THAT MATERIAL SUCCESS IS NOT ENOUGH. I AM THEREFORE DELIGHTED THAT HONG KONG IS TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS UNIQUE POSITION AS A MEETING GROUND FOR THE CULTURAL HERITAGES OF THE EAST AND THE WEST, AND IS FAST DEVELOPING INTO AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS, AND I HOPE THAT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL WILL BE EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN EVER.

+LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I DECLARE OPEN THE FIFTH HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL.+

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA ATTENDS THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE, THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING ATTENDED A THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL TO COMMEMORATE THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE (FEBRUARY 6, 1952).

ON ARRIVAL AT THE CATHEDRAL, THE GOVERNOR PRESENTED BOTH THE BISHOP OF HONG KONG AND MACAU, THE RT. REV. GILBERT BAKER, AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF HONG KONG, THE MOST REV. JOHN WU, TO THE PRINCESS.

DURING THE SERVICE, THE SERMON WAS PREACHED BY THE RT. REV. GILBERT BAKER AND THE LESSONS WERE READ BY MR. OGILVY AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR. MR. OGILVY WAS AN USHER AT THE QUEEN'S CORONATION ON JUNE 2, 1953.

THE SERVICE WAS BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK (RADIO 4).

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C.A.S. CADET CYCLING COMPETITION  
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TWO HUNDRED CADETS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL TAKE PART IN A CYCLING COMPETITION IN VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 13) AFTERNOON.

COMING FROM 20 UNITS, THEY WILL SCORE MARKS FOR THEIR TEAMS AND VIE FOR THE OVERALL CHAMPION SHIELD.

BESIDES AN OBSTACLE RACE WHERE THE SKILL OF THE YOUNG CADETS WILL BE TESTED, THERE WILL BE A CYCLING RACE IN WHICH MORE ATHLETIC MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE.

THE FIRST EVENT WILL START AT ABOUT 1 P.M. CAS CADET CORPS COMMANDANT, MR. HENRY KU HON-CHEUNG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES AT ABOUT 3.30 P.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA'S VISIT  
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NOTE TO EDITORS :

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA'S PROGRAMME FOR TOMORROW (MONDAY) :

- 10.30 A.M. VISIT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, HUNG HOM.  
(TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 9.45 A.M. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE PRESS PARTY AT POSITION 'A' WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROCEED TO POSITION 'B'. POSITION 'C' IS FOR COVERING THE DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCESS. THE PRESS PARTY AT POSITION 'B' WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY THE ROYAL PARTY INSIDE THE LIBRARY BECAUSE OF CONFINED SPACE. POOL PHOTOGRAPHS AND T.V. FOOTAGE WILL BE PROVIDED BY G.I.S.)
- 3.10 P.M. VISIT SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.  
(TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 1.30 P.M. AFTER THE PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY, THE PRESS PARTY WILL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE PRINCESS DURING THE TOUR BUT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE IN FRONT OF HER.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KOWLOON TONG  
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THE UNNAMED ROAD ADJACENT TO KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY LINKING YORK ROAD AND NORFOLK ROAD WILL BE REROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 8).

THIS FOLLOWS THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORK IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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