



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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 PRINCESS ALEXANDRA VISITS  
 LEK YUEN ESTATE  
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MOST OF THE 12,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN LEK YUEN ESTATE, IT SEEMED, TURNED OUT TODAY (FRIDAY) TO WELCOME PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND HER HUSBAND, MR. ANGUS OGILVY.

EVERYWHERE THE PRINCESS WENT, SHE WAS MET BY CROWDS OF HAPPY, SMILING MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN - AND EVEN HELMETED WORKMEN BUILDING THE NEARBY WO CHE ESTATE DOWNED TOOLS TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE PRINCESS. ALL VANTAGE POINTS WERE CRAMMED WITH EAGER SPECTATORS.

THE ROYAL VISITORS SPENT 30 MINUTES AT THE ESTATE, WHICH IS THE FIRST TO BE COMPLETED IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN. THEY ARRIVED ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND WERE INTRODUCED TO THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. DONALD LIAO, AND OTHER HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. MR. LIAO CONDUCTED THE TOUR OF THE ESTATE.

THEIR FIRST CALL WAS AT THE BENEVOLENT LIGHT KINDERGARTEN IN SAU CHUEN HOUSE. THE PRINCESS BEAMED AS SHE LISTENED TO THE 100 THREE-TO-FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN, SMARTLY TURNED OUT IN THEIR BLUE BLAZERS, SING A SONG SPECIALLY FOR HER.

FROM THE KINDERGARTEN, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WENT TO THE FOUNTAIN AREA WHICH IS A FEATURE OF THE ESTATE - AND THIS WAS WHERE THE CROWDS SHOWED THEIR ENTHUSIASM AT HAVING A PRINCESS IN THEIR MIDST. HUNDREDS GATHERED ROUND HER, FOLLOWING HER AT EVERY STEP SHE TOOK. WITH THE GOVERNOR CLOSE BY, THE PRINCESS STOPPED SEVERAL TIMES TO GREET YOUNGSTERS STANDING ON WALLS TO GET A CLEAR VIEW OF HER.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THEN MADE HER WAY SLOWLY TO THE SWING SUPERMARKET WHERE SHE WAS PRESENTED WITH A BOUQUET BY THE MANAGERESS. THE PRINCESS CHATTED AWAY WITH THE CROWD - WHILE HER HUSBAND SPOKE TO A YOUNG MOTHER WITH A CHILD IN HER ARMS.

THE ROYAL COUPLE THEN MOVED ON TO A ROW OF SHOPS WHERE THE PRINCESS SHOWED INTEREST IN THE PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY, ESPECIALLY THE CHINESE SAUSAGES. AT THIS STAGE, THE CROWD HAD SWELLED TO ALMOST UNMANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS.

THE FINAL CALL WAS TO THE MARKET WHERE SHE TOOK PARTICULAR INTEREST IN PRODUCTS SUCH AS BEAN CURD, LIVE CHICKENS AND FISH. AS SHE EMERGED FROM THE MARKET A LION DANCE PERFORMANCE BY THE TUNG KOON YOUTH GYMNASTIC CLUB OF SHA TIN BEGAN.

AT THIS STAGE A PICTURE WAS PRODUCED OF THE PRINCESS PLANTING A TREE IN SO UK ESTATE WHEN SHE CAME HERE IN 1961. SHE APPEARED HAPPY TO LEARN THAT IT IS NOW FULLY GROWN.

WITH THE LION DANCE OVER, IT WAS TIME TO LEAVE - AND THE LARGE CROWD SURGED FORWARD FOR THEIR LAST GLIMPSE OF THE RADIANT PRINCESS, WHOSE WISH FOR GOOD WEATHER DURING HER VISIT TO HONG KONG WAS FINALLY GRANTED. IT WAS A CLEAR, SUNNY DAY - AND THE PRINCESS WAS COATLESS.

LEK YUEN ESTATE WAS COMPLETED IN 1975 AND WILL EVENTUALLY HOUSE 22,000 PEOPLE WHEN FULLY OCCUPIED BY JULY. IT HAS SEVEN RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, OTHER SHOPPING FACILITIES AS WELL AS SPORTS AND RECREATION GROUNDS, CAR PARKS, A POLICE STATION AND A FIRE STATION.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA SEES ACTIVITIES OF POLICE CADETS

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING VISITED THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL IN FANLING AS THE HONORARY COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE, THE PRINCESS AND THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY WERE WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR. BRIAN SLEVIN= THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD, MR. LESLIE SUNG= THE COMMANDANT OF THE SCHOOL, MR. PATRICK BIRNEY AND THE DEPUTY COMMANDANT, MR. DENNIS CUNNINGHAM.

THE PRINCESS WENT ON A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL AND SAW SOME OF THE CADETS PRACTISING JUDO, UNARMED COMBAT AND FIRST AID AT THE FOOTBALL PITCH.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ALSO SAW THE CADETS DEMONSTRATING GYMNASTIC EXERCISES AT THE GYMNASIUM AND THE FOOT DRILL ON THE PARADE GROUND.

FOLLOWING A TOUR OF A CADETS' DORMITORY, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS VISITED THE ELECTRONICS CLUB WHERE AN ARRAY OF ELECTRONIC GADGETS ASSEMBLED BY THE CADETS AS PART OF THEIR VOCATIONAL TRAINING WERE ON DISPLAY.

FROM THERE, THE PRINCESS WENT TO THE OUTDOOR TRAINING GROUND TO SEE SOME OF THE CADETS UNDERGOING A CAMPING TRAINING PROGRAMME.

AT THE CAMP SITE, THE PRINCESS SIGNED A SPECIAL +VISITORS BOOK+ - A LEATHER MAP OF HONG KONG ISLAND - TO MARK HER VISIT THERE.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ALSO VISITED THE LANGUAGE LABORATORY AND TALKED TO MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL'S ADVISORY BOARD, PARENTS OF SOME OF THE CADETS AND MEMBERS OF THE TEACHING STAFF BEFORE SHE LEFT SHORTLY BEFORE 1 P.M.

THROUGHOUT THE VISIT, THE PRINCESS STOPPED AND CHATTED AMICABLY WITH THE CADETS.

THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL NOW HAS A TOTAL OF 414 CADETS AGED BETWEEN 15-1/2 AND 17 UNDERGOING A TWO-YEAR COURSE AIMED AT PREPARING THEM FOR ENTRY TO THE POLICE FORCE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

SPHERES OF TRAINING IN THE SCHOOL CONSIST OF 40 PER CENT ACADEMIC STUDIES, 40 PER CENT PHYSICAL TRAINING AND 20 PER CENT VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

SINCE THE SCHOOL OPENED IN 1973, IT HAS TURNED OUT ABOUT 300 REASONABLY WELL-EDUCATED AND PHYSICALLY-FIT YOUTHS. OF THESE, MORE THAN 90 PER CENT JOINED THE POLICE WHILE THE REST WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

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PRINCESS SEES CHINESE POT PLANTS

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA PAID A VISIT TO A FLOWER FARM IN FAN LING TODAY AND HAD A CLOSE LOOK OF SOME OF THE BLOSSOMS AND POT PLANTS WHICH WILL DECORATE MANY HONG KONG HOMES IN THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE PRINCESS AND THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE, HAD A TOUR OF CHEUNG KEE GARDEN WHERE THEY WERE SHOWN HOW PEACH SAPLINGS AND NARCISSUS BULBS WERE CAREFULLY NURTURED TO WITHSTAND FROSTY WEATHER AND TO BLOOM FORTH IN TIME FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE ROYAL COUPLE ALSO SAW ROWS OF TANGERINE AS WELL AS OTHER FLOWERS WHICH THE CHINESE BELIEVE WOULD BRING PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

BEFORE THE VISIT CAME TO AN END, THE PRINCESS WAS PRESENTED BY THE OWNER OF THE GARDEN WITH A POT OF FLOWERING ORNAMENTAL PEACH - A SIGN OF GOOD LUCK AND GREAT EXPECTATION FOR THE COMING YEAR.

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FIRST ROYAL VISITOR FOR OCEAN PARK

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

11.20 A.M.

VISIT TO OCEAN PARK, WONG CHUK HANG. (TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 9.30 A.M. SHARP. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE PRESS PARTY AT POSITION "C" WILL NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN THE PARTIES AT POSITIONS A AND B).

7 P.M.

ATTEND A FOLK FESTIVAL AT TSZ WAN SHAN PLAYGROUND. (TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 5.30 P.M. SHARP).

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER 1976

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THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER SHOW A SURPLUS OF \$392 MILLION AS COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$246 MILLION (EXCLUDING LOANS) IN NOVEMBER 1975.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF \$91 MILLION FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$357 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

GROSS EXPENDITURE AT \$498 MILLION WAS \$63 MILLION MORE THAN IN NOVEMBER 1975.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS AT \$890 MILLION WAS \$209 MILLION MORE THAN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED RECEIPTS FROM DUTIES, INTERNAL REVENUE AND MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES.

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TWO MORE MONEY CHANGING SHOPS FOR KAITAK

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SEPARATE TENANCIES OF TWO SHOP PREMISES TO BE USED AS MONEY CHANGERS IN THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

THE TENANCIES ARE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT APRIL 15 THIS YEAR.

ONE SHOP OF ABOUT 70 SQ. FT. IS LOCATED IN THE NEW EXTENSION TO THE TERMINAL BUILDING AND THE OTHER MEASURING ABOUT 140 SQ. FT. IS IN THE EXISTING TERMINAL. BOTH SHOPS ARE SITUATED AT THE DEPARTURES LEVEL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT PREDICTED THAT AN INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF AVIATION BUSINESS COULD BE EXPECTED DURING THE THREE-YEAR TENANCY PERIOD.

HE ESTIMATED THAT THE PRESENT DAILY AVERAGE OF ARRIVING AND DEPARTING PASSENGERS WAS ABOUT 12,000, AND THAT THIS FIGURE WILL GO UP AT A RATE OF BETWEEN FIVE AND 10 PER CENT A YEAR.

ACCORDING TO A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM EITHER THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT THE NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY, OR THE AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER AT KAI TAK.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CLEVELAND STREET

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CLEVELAND STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 8.30 P.M. ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

THIS IS TO ENABLE A LION DANCE, STAGED BY THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE DELEGATES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION, TO BE HELD IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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BLOCK RELEASE COURSE FOR INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO BLOCK RELEASE INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE WHICH COMMENCES IN MID-MARCH THIS YEAR.

THE COURSE OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY TO DAY TEACHING DUTIES. FROM THIS COURSE THEY WILL LEARN TO IMPROVE THEIR METHODS OF TEACHING, STUDY EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BEFORE FEBRUARY 25, 1977.

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