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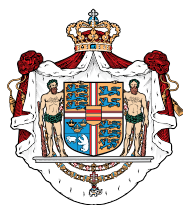
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THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S FOREWORD

Welcome to the Royal Danish House's annual report for 2015. The annual report describes the Royal Danish House's work during the year and the royal family's official activities and other doings in a number of areas such as business and culture, humanitarian and social initiatives, sports and health, environment and climate, the defence, research and education, and foundation and prize distributions.

The Queen and The Prince Consort were the hosts when TM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of The Netherlands paid a state visit on the days of 17-19 March accompanied by a business delegation. The state visit focused, among other things, on energy, and on the second day, The King and Queen, together with the Crown Prince Couple, visited Samsø, which is 100 percent self-sufficient with sustainable energy.

On the days of 21-24 October, The Queen and The Prince Consort were on a state visit to Indonesia, accompanied by representatives of 62 Danish companies, and, in the capital Jakarta and in the towns of Yogyakarta and Surabaya, carried out an extensive official programme focusing on business, including maritime matters and design. During the year, the Crown Prince Couple led a Greenland promotional campaign in Japan and a business promotional campaign in Germany with 75 participating companies from Denmark. In addition, the royal family made a number of trips focused on topical humanitarian and social issues.

The Queen and The Prince Consort carried out two cruises aboard the Royal Yacht Dannebrog. One was an extensive trip in Greenland in July with visits in numerous towns and settlements in West Greenland. And the other was a summer cruise around Denmark.

HM The Queen turned 75 years on 16 April, and the birthday was celebrated as early as 8 April in Aarhus with a carriage tour, a luncheon reception at Aarhus City Hall and a gala performance at Musikhuset Aarhus broadcasted on TV. On 13 April, The Queen held a press conference at Fredensborg Palace for 70 members of the media and, in connection with the birthday, also gave interviews to a number of media outlets and cooperated in two major profile broadcasts aired by DR and TV2.

On the actual birthday, there was a morning wake-up for The Queen at Fredensborg Palace. Later in the day, the royal family appeared on the balcony at Christian VII's Palace,



Lord Chamberlain Michael Ehrenreich

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Amalienborg, after which The Queen and the Crown Prince Couple rode in a carriage through Copenhagen. The official luncheon took place at Copenhagen City Hall and, in the evening, there was a private gala dinner at Fredensborg Palace. All events on the birthday were broadcast on TV and covered by 65 accredited Danish and international media.

HRH Prince Joachim assumed a new position on 1 November as a special advisor in the Defence in relation to implementation of the new total force concept, which will strengthen the future use of volunteers in the Home Guard and personnel from the reserve. At the end of the year, The Queen announced in her New Year's address that HRH The Prince Consort had decided to retire after more than 40 years of work for Denmark and Danish interests.

Moreover, 2015 was marked by a number of special commemorations where members of the royal family were present. Among other things, these involved the memorial ceremonies after the act of terrorism in Copenhagen and the terrorist attack in Paris, the 75th anniversary of Denmark's occupation, the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland, the 70th anniversary of Denmark's liberation and the 100th anniversary of the 1915 Constitution.

The official duties have also included receptions of audience-seekers and ambassadors as well as attention to the royal foundations, which in the past year have distributed resources to projects of cultural, scientific, educational, social and humanitarian character.

REPORT

Constitutional duties

HM The Queen, as the head of state, participates in the formation of governments and the changing of cabinet ministers. Thus, in June, after a new Danish Parliament election, a new government was appointed, and later there was a change of cabinet ministers, during which the departing and incoming ministers were received at Amalienborg.

At Christiansborg Palace, there were, in total, six Council of State meetings, over which the Sovereign presides. In addition, The Queen has regularly received the prime minister and the foreign affairs minister when they have provided briefings about the latest political developments.

Public audiences were granted 22 times, during which nearly 1400 citizens came to thank The Queen and – in The Queen's absence – HRH The Crown Prince for an official appointment or retirement, for conferment of orders or for medals of merit or medals of reward.

The Queen received, in total, 32 foreign ambassadors, who must present their credentials before they can perform their duties as ambassadors in the country. In addition, The Queen received 12 ambassadors in departure audiences.

During the year, a number of foreign political leaders, et al. were in audiences with The Queen, including the president of Estonia, NATO's Secretary General, the Coptic Orthodox Pope, and Germany's chancellor, Angela Merkel.



The Queen and HRH The Prince Consort paid a state visit to Indonesia from 22-24 October.

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The Queen and The Prince Consort greeted the townspeople who turned out at the harbour in Qasigiannuit.

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Dannebrog cruises

The Queen and The Prince Consort carried out both a Greenland cruise and a summer cruise in Denmark aboard the Royal Yacht Dannebrog. HM The Queen began the trip to Greenland on 8 July without the Royal Yacht with visits to Ittoqqortoormiit, Station Nord and Thule Air Base as well as a visit to the settlement of Savissivik. Afterwards, aboard the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, The Queen and The Prince Consort visited Upernavik, Ukkusissat, Qullissat, Saqqaq, Ilulissat, Qasigiannuit, Kitsissuarsuit, Sisimiut, Kangaamiut, Maniitsoq and Nuuk from 12-22 July. At the gala dinner in Nuuk, The Queen thanked the people of Greenland in her speech for the love and warmth that The Queen and The Prince Consort received during the Greenland cruise. The Queen noted that, even though Greenland had undergone extensive development, a common thread had been maintained that binds the Greenlandic people together, just as Denmark and Greenland are connected.

On the summer cruise around Denmark, The Queen and The Prince Consort visited Syddjurs Municipality, and the towns of Vejle and Aabenraa from 1-4 September. In each visit, it was a delight for The Queen and The Prince Consort to meet with the many citizens who showed up at the harbours and in the streets. In the three municipalities, The Queen and The Prince Consort visited, among other places, The New Malt Factory and the new interpretation centre Karlsladen in Syddjurs Municipality, The Culture Museum at The Spinning Mill and the Marina in Vejle as well as Kunstmuseet Brundlund Slot and the company Marcussen & Søn Orgelbyggeri in Aabenraa. Each town visit was rounded out by a reception on the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, where The Queen and The Prince Consort took the opportunity to thank the municipalities and hosts of the visiting places for the day's programme.

State visits

From 17-19 March, TM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of The Netherlands paid a state visit to Denmark. The objective of the visit was to strengthen the relations and the common interests between Denmark and The Netherlands, and the programme focused on green innovative growth as well as the medical and educational sectors. The King and Queen of The Netherlands were accompanied by a business delegation of approximately 40 companies, which during the visit were introduced to Denmark's competencies within the focus areas of the visit.

On the first day of the visit, there was an official welcome at Fredensborg Palace as well as visits to the Office of the Prime Minister and to Aalborg University's campus in Copenhagen, and, in the evening, The Queen and The Prince Consort hosted a gala dinner at Christiansborg Palace. On the second day of the visit, The King and Queen of The Netherlands, together with the Crown Prince Couple, visited Samsø, which is 100% self-sufficient with sustainable energy. The state visit concluded with a Dutch return dinner at The Black Diamond, Copenhagen.

When The Queen and The Prince Consort paid a state visit to Indonesia from 21-24 October, it was the first time a Danish sovereign paid a state visit to the country. The visit took place on the 70th anniversary of Indonesia's independence and the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with Denmark, which underlined the close Danish-Indonesian



On 18 March, the Dutch Royal Couple paid a visit to Samsø together with the Crown Prince Couple.

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The Queen and The Prince Consort's visit in Vejle on 2 September concluded at Vejle Marina.

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relationship. The state visit focused on the Danish positions of strength in various sectors of Danish business life, such as the maritime industry and design. The programme included visits in the capital Jakarta and the towns Yogyakarta and Surabaya. The official welcome took place at the Presidential Palace in Jakarta, after which The Queen and The Prince Consort participated in the opening ceremony for the attending business delegation of approximately 63 Danish companies, and, in the evening, the President held a state banquet in the Presidential Palace. On 23 October, The Queen and The Prince Consort opened a design and lifestyle fair in Jakarta and, among other things, also visited the National Museum there. In the evening, The Queen and The Prince Consort held a return dinner in honour of the Indonesian hosts. In Yogyakarta on 24 October, The Queen visited a batik exhibition and the Gadjah Mada University, while The Prince Consort paid a business visit to Ecco's factory in Surabaya followed by a visit to the harbour also in Surabaya, where The Prince Consort received an introduction to Indonesia's maritime strategy. In concluding the visit, The Queen and the Prince Consort held a press conference at the Prambanan Temple in Yogyakarta.

HM The Queen's 75th birthday

The Queen turned 75 on 16 April, and the birthday was celebrated at several events during March and April. On 25 March, The Queen was present at the opening of the special exhibition "H.M. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, 1940-2015" at Frederiksborg Palace in Hillerød, which displayed a selection of the outfits that The Queen has worn over time.

On 8 April, The Queen's birthday was celebrated in Aarhus, where The Queen and The Prince Consort rode in a carriage through Aarhus accompanied by the Guard Hussar Regiment. After a luncheon reception at Aarhus City Hall, The Queen and The Prince Consort appeared together with the Crown Prince Couple and TRH Prince Joachim and Princess Marie on the balcony. In the evening, the royal family attended a gala performance in Musikhuset Aarhus, which was broadcast live on TV 2.

On 13 April, The Queen held a press conference at Fredensborg Palace, and, the following day, The Queen was at the National Museum in Copenhagen and was presented with a gift in the form of a new portrait of The Queen painted by the artist Lars Physant. After the unveiling of the artwork, The Queen presented a grant from "Queen Margrethe II's Archaeological Fund" to National Museum curator Poul Otto Nielsen.



The royal family appeared on the balcony at Aarhus City Hall.

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The Queen and the Crown Prince Couple rode in a carriage from Amalienborg to Copenhagen City Hall.

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On the birthday, April 16, there was first the traditional Danish morning wake-up ceremony for The Queen at Fredensborg Palace. Later in the day, the royal family appeared on the balcony at Christian VII's Palace, Amalienborg, after which The Queen and the Crown Prince Couple rode in a carriage from Amalienborg to Copenhagen City Hall accompanied by the Guard Hussar Regiment. At Copenhagen City Hall, the royal family participated in a luncheon, and, in the evening, The Queen held a gala dinner at Fredensborg Palace.



The royal family on their way to the balcony at Christian VII's Palace, Amalienborg.

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Special markings

In 2015, the royal family was present at a number of special commemorations. On February 16, The Crown Prince took part in a memorial ceremony for the victims after the shooting incidents in Copenhagen on 14 and 15 February.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday, 13 November, The Prince Consort and Prince Joachim, Princess Marie and their children visited the French Embassy at Kongens Nytorv in Copenhagen on 14 November. The day after, on Sunday, 15 November, The Crown Prince and Princess Marie were present at the memorial service for the Paris victims at the Reformed Church in Gothersgade, Copenhagen.

2015 marked the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the German concentration camps at Auschwitz in Poland, and, on 27 January, The Crown Prince participated in a commemoration ceremony in Poland together with HRH Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden and HRH Crown Prince Haakon of Norway.

On 9 April, HRH The Crown Princess took part in the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Denmark's occupation on 9 April 1940 at the Søgård camp in Abenraa in Southern Jutland. In connection with the 70th anniversary of Denmark's liberation, The Queen participated in a commemoration ceremony on 4 May at Mindelunden in Hellerup. On 5 May, The Crown Prince took part in a wreath-laying ceremony at the anchor memorial in Nyhavn,



On 16 February, The Crown Prince took part in a memorial ceremony at Gunnar Nu Hansens Plads in Østerbro in Copenhagen.

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The Queen and The Crown Prince are seen in the photo with Speaker of the Danish Parliament Mogens Lykketoft and Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt by the original version of the 1915 constitution.

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Copenhagen, and Prince Joachim gave a commemorative speech at Skamlingsbanken in Sjølund.

The 100th anniversary of the 1915 constitution was marked with the Danish Parliament's and the Government's celebration at Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center on 4 June, in which The Queen and The Prince Consort, the Crown Prince Couple, Prince Joachim and Princess Marie participated. On 5 June, the anniversary was marked by a jubilee gathering in the Landsting Hall at Christiansborg Palace, where the members of the royal family were present.

Business

Through the years, The Queen and The Prince Consort have taken the initiative for a series of concerts at Fredensborg Palace. Various groups in the society have been invited to these concerts in recognition of the efforts they make within their fields, including representatives from business, education, research and science, regions and municipalities as well as the sports world. This year, The Queen and The Prince Consort wanted to recognize the many people who work in tourism and the experience economy. The Fredensborg concert took place on 10 November in Fredensborg Palace Church followed by a souper in the Dome Hall at Fredensborg Palace. The Crown Princess and Princess Marie also attended the concert.



On 10 November, The Queen and The Prince Consort hosted the Fredensborg concert.

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Haandværkerforeningen i København's medals are awarded once a year to craftsmen in the skilled trades who have completed their apprenticeships and who, during the final test, have produced work worthy of reward. On 12 May, The Queen attended the annual medal presentation at Copenhagen City Hall.

As chairman, The Prince Consort participated in committee meetings on 18 May and 30 November for HRH Prince Henrik's Medal of Honour and the Danish Export Association's Diploma, and, on 29 May, The Prince Consort took part in the Danish Export Association's 50th jubilee at Øksnehallen, Copenhagen. The export association was established in 1965 and is now the largest private organizer of promotion campaigns, courses and networking in the area of exports in Denmark. The association represents approximately 580 small, medium-sized and large Danish exporting companies.

HRH Prince Henrik's Medal of Honour was awarded nine times during 2015.

The Crown Prince Couple paid a visit to Tokyo, Japan, from 26-28 March to lead a campaign promoting Greenland. The objective of the visit was to increase the knowledge about Greenland, Greenlandic culture and Greenlandic products in Japan and, at the same time, increase the knowledge the Japanese have about opportunities in Greenland and the Arctic region. Climate change and the growing international interest in the Arctic region have also generated increased interest in Japan about the Arctic and Greenland, and Japan



The Crown Prince Couple are shown around the exhibition "Spiritual Greenland".

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became an observer to the Arctic Council in 2014. The programme focused on expanding and increasing the existing Greenlandic export of fish and shellfish to Japan to benefit economic growth in Greenland. On the basis of the sustainable story of sealskin's role in Greenlandic culture and history, the programme also dealt with the use of Greenlandic sealskin in the Japanese fashion industry, just as the visit focused on Japanese tourism to Greenland.

During the visit, the Crown Prince Couple opened an exhibition in Tokyo about Greenlandic culture together with Their Imperial Highnesses Princess Takamado and Princess



The Crown Prince Couple signed the guestbook at the castle Residenz in Munich in connection with a business promotional campaign in May.

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Tsuguko. The Crown Prince Couple also took part in a luncheon with Their Imperial Majesties The Emperor and The Empress of Japan and a dinner with Their Imperial Highnesses The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess.

From 19-21 May, the Crown Prince Couple visited Hamburg and Munich in Germany to lead a Danish business delegation with 75 participating companies. The visit's overall theme was Danish Living/Dänisches Leben, which focused on the following sectors: Sustainable Living, Healthy Living, Tasty Living and Stylish Living. Both in Hamburg and Munich, the Crown Prince Couple took part in the opening of business seminars and paid visits at four sector seminars. The Crown Prince Couple also participated in business luncheons and gala dinners for the participating companies and their guests and a number of company visits in Hamburg and Munich, among others Carlsberg, ECCO, Georg Jensen and Fritz Hansen.



The Crown Prince took part in food preparation during the opening of Arla Foods' new office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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The Crown Prince took part in a business promotional campaign in South Africa from 2-4 November together with a business delegation of around 50 companies. South Africa is Denmark's largest export market in Africa, and the business promotional campaign focused on energy, water and environment, including integrated water solutions, as well as agriculture and foodstuffs.

On 30 July, The Crown Prince participated in the opening of Arla Foods' new offices in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Crown Prince presided over the official opening of Arla's new regional office for all of Asia. At the opening, representatives from Malaysian ministries and European ambassadors also

took part. During the visit in Kuala Lumpur, The Crown Prince also presented the Danish Export Association's Diploma and HRH Prince Henrik's Medal of Honour to Carlsberg Malaysia.

The Crown Prince hosted a dinner on 6 October for participants in the Danish Maritime Forum at Frederik VIII's Palace, Amalienborg. The dinner was held before the opening of the conference Danish Maritime Forum on 7 October. The objective of the conference was to draw attention to The Blue Denmark, which is the designation for all maritime and shipping-related companies and trade in Denmark.

On 7 November, the Crown Prince Couple hosted a dinner on the occasion of the Trilateral Commission's meeting at Christiansborg Palace. Earlier in the day, The Crown Prince gave a speech at a Trilateral Commission conference at the Confederation of Danish Industry, Copenhagen. The Trilateral Commission was established in 1973 by the American financier David Rockefeller and is called "trilateral" because its members are from North America, Europe and Asia. It is an organization of prominent, noteworthy persons from business, politics and the academic world.

The Crown Princess participated in the Young Global Leaders' Day on 28 August at Christiansborg Palace and, in the evening, hosted a buffet dinner for Young Global Leaders (YGL) Scandinavia at Frederik VIII's Palace, Amalienborg. Young Global Leaders is a global community of the world's most outstanding young leaders. The Crown Princess was named a Young Global Leader in 2012 on the basis of The Crown Princess's work in the field of social matters, including



On 7 August, The Crown Princess attended the Designers' Nest fashion show.

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the establishment of The Mary Foundation. On 7 September, The Crown Princess presented the prize at FSR - danske revisorer's award ceremony for Denmark's best CSR reporting, in which the objective is to focus on best practices in how companies report on social responsibility. The prize presentation took place at Børsen in Copenhagen.

As patron of the talent prize Designers' Nest, The Crown Princess attended the 30 January presentation of the students' collections, followed by a visit to the fashion fair Revolver Meatmarket in Copenhagen. On 7 August, The Crown Princess attended the Designers' Nest show and was in charge of the prize presentation at DGI-byen in Copenhagen. The intention of Designers' Nest is to give exposure to up-and-coming Danish and Nordic designers and, in that way, ensuring and expanding Denmark's position as a fashion and design nation. On 2 October, The Crown Princess presented the Goldsmith Guild's talent award, the St. Eligius Prize, to goldsmith Christine Bukkehave at The Round Tower, Copenhagen.

On 13 May, Prince Joachim participated at The Medal Fund for the Confederation of Danish Industry and Craftsmanship in East Jutland's medal presentation at Aarhus City Hall. Later in the year, on 9 September, the Prince took part in the opening of the NordBau Fair in Neumünster, Germany, and gave the opening speech. The NordBau Fair is a trade fair with approximately 900 exhibitors involved in industry and skilled trades wanting to create contacts and knowledge-sharing among people in the field. Prince Joachim's participation marked Denmark's 40th anniversary as a partner of the NordBau Fair. In his role as patron, the Prince visited the World Championship 2015 in ploughing in Thisted on 3



Prince Joachim presented "The Potato Prize 2015" to winners from Restaurant Tabu in Aalborg.

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October. During the visit, the Prince attended segments of the world championships and, among other things, was shown a new generation of turning ploughs and vintage tractors. On 7 October, the Prince, in his role as patron, oversaw the official opening of the fisheries fair DanFish International and DanAqua in the Aalborg Congress & Culture Centre, where exhibitors from 25 countries took part. Later in the day, the Prince presented the CSR People Prize at the CSR Awards 2015. The following day, 8 October, Prince Joachim gave a speech at the Danish Maritime Technology Conference in Copenhagen. On 9 October, the Prince presided over the official opening of DONG Energy's first offshore wind farm in Germany, "Borkum Riffgrund 1", which can supply approximately 320,000 households with energy. On 25 October, Prince Joachim awarded "Kartoffelprisen" ("The Potato Prize") 2015. At the Potato Prize competition, participants have six hours to create a three-course menu consisting of a starter, main course and dessert, all of which must include potatoes.

Princess Marie opened the Mind Factory by Ecco in Tønder on 17 February and gave the opening speech. Mind Factory is a new centre for innovation established by the company ECCO Sko A/S in cooperation with Tønder Municipality and local educational institutions. The objective of the innovation centre is to inspire and boost young people and business life into creativity and new thinking. On 16 November, the Princess gave the opening speech at "Global Entrepreneurship Week" at the House of Industry in Copenhagen, which focused on promoting and developing the passion for entrepreneurship across the whole country.



The Queen visited Christiansfeld on 29 August on the occasion of the town's inclusion on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

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The Queen was present at the 19 May opening of CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art Denmark.

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The Prince Consort dedicated a 3-pounder cannon with the firing of a shot at The Princess's Bastion in Fredericia.

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Culture

On the occasion of composer Carl Nielsen's 150th jubilee, The Queen and The Prince Consort attended a Carl Nielsen concert with a carillon in the Palace Garden at Gråsten Palace, and The Queen, as patron of the Carl Nielsen Jubilee 2015, also attended a number of concerts in Denmark and Sweden. On 21 April, The Queen was present at a concert on the occasion of the 150th birthdays of Jean Sibelius and Carl Nielsen in Stockholm Concert Hall, Sweden, and at a gala concert marking Carl Nielsen's 150th birthday on 9 June in DR Koncerthuset, Copenhagen.

On 29 August, The Queen visited Christiansfeld on the occasion of the town's inclusion on UNESCO's World Heritage List. The day started with a service at the Moravian Brethren Church, after which The Queen unveiled a bronze plaque with an inscription stating that Christiansfeld is now on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

In 2015, the refurbished Velvet Chamber at Christiansborg Palace was opened, and The Queen participated in a reception on 16 September on the occasion of the renovation. The central motif of the wall coverings is the Danish coat of arms with three lions and nine hearts as well as Christian X's monogram. The refurbishment of the Velvet Chamber was made possible by a donation from the A.P. Møller Foundation.

The Queen presented the Ebbe Munck Prize 2015 on 4 November to Siegfred Matlok in the Alexander Hall at Christiansborg Palace.

In his role as patron, The Prince Consort presented the first prize at the Malko Competition on 1 May at DR Koncerthuset, Copenhagen. The competition is the world's largest conductors' match for young conductors and has been held every third year since 1965. In 2015, the Malko Competition was thus held for the 17th time.

On 6 July, The Prince Consort, as patron of "The National Committee for Renovation of Fredericia Rampart", dedicated a 3-pounder cannon at The Princess's Bastion in Fredericia. The dedication coincided with the annual commemoration of 6 July in Fredericia, and, with the 3-pounder cannon, The Princess's Bastion now stands as it did in 1849, when Danish soldiers defeated the Slesvig-Holstein forces.

The Crown Prince, as patron, opened the new play and learning area "The Childrens' Railway Station" at The Danish Railway Museum in Odense on 30 January and, on 21 March, presided over the opening of Skjoldungernes Land National Park at Ledreborg Castle. Skjoldungernes Land is Denmark's fourth national park and Zealand's first. On 28 October, The Crown Prince participated in a commemoration of Tordenskiold's 325th birthday at Holmen Church,



On 10 May, The Crown Princess opened Bridgewalking on the old Lillebælt Bridge, from which there is a view of Fredericia and Middelfart as well as the new Lillebælt Bridge.

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Copenhagen, and afterwards presided over the presentation of the Tordenskiold Prize 2015 to the Frogman Corps at the Royal Danish Naval Academy in Copenhagen.

On 19 June, The Crown Princess visited the exhibition Danish Fashion Now at Brandts in Odense, which displayed a snapshot of Danish fashion and how fashion touches and influences everyday life. The exhibition also included a



On 15 September, Princess Benedikte paid a visit to the German-Scandinavian school in connection with the visit in Berlin, Germany.

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selection of The Crown Princess's own dresses, which for the first time could be seen displayed.

As patron, Prince Joachim visited Aalborg Zoo with Princess Marie on 18 April on the occasion of the zoo's 80th birthday. On 22 April, the Prince attended the awarding of the Wegner Prize at Tønder Town Hall, and, on 26 June, Prince Joachim, in his role as patron, visited Hjerl Hede Open-Air Museum on the occasion of the Hjerl Foundation's 100th jubilee. Hjerl Hede Open-Air Museum was established in 1930 by H.P. Hjerl Hansen, who was interested in preserving the old craft traditions and practices that he saw as an essential part of the Danish cultural heritage. The Hjerl Foundation ran the open-air museum until 1979, when the museum was separated from the Hjerl Foundation as a special culture-historical museum. On 7 November, Prince Joachim attended a concert by the South Jutland Symphony Orchestra at Alsion, Sønderborg.

On 23 August, Princess Marie took part in celebrating the inclusion of North Zealand's Par Force Hunting Landscape on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites. The celebration took place at the Hermitage Palace. In the 1680s, Christian V designed North Zealand's par force landscape, and the par force forests still stand today, spread over the southern part of Gribskov, Store Dyrehave, Jægersborg Hegn and Dyrehaven. In her role as patron, the Princess attended the 30 August afternoon concerts at the Tønder Festival, and, on 3 September, Princess Marie opened the exhibition "Georg Jensen - A tale of Danish silver" at Museet på Koldinghus. The exhibition marked the 150th anniversary of Georg Jensen's (1866-1935) birth and contained more than 800 pieces from Museet på Koldinghus's own collection of Georg Jensen silver, as well as pieces from museums and private collectors in Denmark and abroad. On 28 October, Princess Marie, as patron of the Danish National Commission for UNESCO, participated in UNESCO's Anniversary Conference in Paris, which focused on the organization's history.

On 11 June, Prince Joachim and Princess Marie attended the local history play "Drømte mig en drøm" at Schackenborg Castle, based at the 1600s, when the Schack family built Schackenborg in Møgeltønder.

HRH Princess Benedikte paid a visit to Berlin, Germany, from 14-15 September. There, the Princess attended the concert Berliner Festspiele Carl Nielsen with The Royal Danish Orchestra in the concert hall Philharmonie. The concert was held in connection with Musikfest Berlin.

On 26 September, Princess Benedikte attended the 325th jubilee of the Royal Mews. The day was celebrated with the driving of selected carriages through Copenhagen's streets and concluded with a jubilee show at Christiansborg Riding Ground. The Royal Mews originally functioned as a stud where horses of the noblest breeds were bred for the Royal Danish House. The horses were used for riding and hunting and as carriage horses for teams to pull the royal coaches. Today, the horses of the Royal Mews are used in connection with official events such as state visits, New Year's levees, ambassador receptions, summer cruises, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.



The Crown Prince presided together with HRH Crown Prince Haakon of Norway over the official opening of the new undersea cable between Norway and Denmark.

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Climate and environment

On 10 March, The Crown Prince opened the congress EWEA (European Wind Energy Association) Offshore 2015 in Copenhagen. EWEA Offshore is the world's largest offshore wind power trade fair and conference, which gives politicians and the industry the opportunity to meet and discuss the newest developments in offshore wind power, challenges in the market and development of the value chain. During the opening session, The Crown Prince gave a speech and visited the Danish Pavilion, where more than 50 companies took part. The Danish Pavilion was organized by the Danish Wind Export Association, which is an export organization helping Danish companies with export promotion.

On 12 March, The Crown Prince presided together with HRH Crown Prince Haakon of Norway over the opening of a new cable connection between Denmark and Norway. The Crown Prince was at Station Tjele in Viborg, while Crown Prince Haakon was at Kristiansand in Norway. At the opening ceremony, both The Crown Prince and Crown Prince Haakon spoke, after which the official opening took place at both ends simultaneously. The event marked that the new undersea cable Skagerrak 4 between Norway and Denmark was now ready and that the high-voltage power cables Kassø-Tjele and Kristiansand-Rød were both completed.

On 23 April, The Crown Prince was in charge of the opening of the knowledge and conference centre Green Solution House in Rønne on Bornholm. Green Solution House is a sustainable building - the former Hotel Ryttergaarden. The goal of Green Solution House is to create a physical platform



The Crown Princess planted trees with school students as a part of "Replant the Planet".

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for the development of Bornholm as a sustainable society and to be a centre of the activities that have been set in motion in the areas of research and development. In this connection, the building will serve as inspiration for new building methods, introduction of new materials, and new business models for builders and producers.

On 10 March, The Crown Princess gave the welcoming speech at a conference on sustainable value chains that was held in connection with the World Bank's 8th Public Private Dialogue Workshop 2015. The conference took place at the House of Industry, Copenhagen. On 19 April, The Crown Princess participated together with HRH Princess Isabella, HRH Prince Vincent and HRH Princess Josephine in Økologisk Landsforening's Organic Day 2015 at Bækkenstoft farm in Kirke Hyllinge. The Organic Day marks that organic cows also go out to graze in the summer half of the year from April to November, and it is organized by Økologisk Landsforening and the organic dairies.

Later in the year on 2 November, The Crown Princess was present for the starting signal of the Plant a Tree campaign "Replant the Planet" at Herstedhøje Nature Centre, Albertslund. "Replant the Planet" is a climate project that was launched by the organization Skoven i Skolen og Udeskolen, and the objective is to make children more conscious of nature and the climate. In connection with the project, schoolchildren across the country are invited to plant trees for a better climate in the future, and 120 students took part in the event.



Princess Isabella at the christening of the ferry PRINSESSE ISABELLA on Samsø.

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Prince Joachim was introduced to DTU's car, which won the Shell Eco-marathon 2014.

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On 6 June, Princess Isabella performed her first official duty in connection with the christening of Samsø Municipality's new ferry at Sælvig Harbour. The ferry sails daily between Sælvig on Samsø and Hou in Jutland. The new ferry, PRINSESSE ISABELLA, is the first domestic ferry in Denmark sailing on liquified natural gas. After the christening of the ferry, the Princess, together with her mother The Crown Princess, visited Samsø Bær, where they picked strawberries and saw the production of rapeseed oil and boiled sweets from local raw ingredients. The Crown Princess and Princess Isabella also visited Samsø Naturskole and took part in a hike at Grønhoved and visited the Falkecenter (Falcon Centre).

Prince Joachim attended a presentation of eco-cars for the Shell Eco Marathon at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) on 7 May. Shell Eco Marathon is an international competition in fuel economy and energy efficiency that challenges educational institutions around the world to develop and build vehicles that can be driven as far as possible on the least possible fuel. More than 230 teams and 3000 students from Europe took part in the competition. On 22 September, Prince Joachim was in Frederikshavn at the opening of MAN Diesel & Turbo's new "green" test centre, which makes use of the energy generated by the testing of MAN's marine engines for heating of the residential properties in the town.



The Prince Consort is seen here with secretary general Gitte Seeberg during the trip to Vietnam with WWF.

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Humanitarian duties

From 28 October-5 November, The Prince Consort, as president of World Wildlife Fund Denmark, participated in a trip to Vietnam to see some of WWF's projects together with World Wildlife Fund Denmark's secretary general, Gitte Seeberg. During the visit, The Prince Consort visited, among other places, Cat Tien National Park in southern Vietnam and the protected forest area Son Tra in the central part of Vietnam. In Cat Tien National Park, The Prince Consort visited the Ta Lai Longhouse, which is an eco-tourism project that must protect nature and the animals and, at the same



The Crown Prince visited the local people in an earthquake-stricken area and here tells about his four children.

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In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, The Crown Princess visited the Hamlin Fistula Hospital.

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time, ensure an income base for the local people. WWF has helped to make the project a reality in cooperation with local authorities, the local population and a company.

Earlier in the year, on 12 May, The Prince Consort received WWF International's director general, Marco Lambertini, at Fredensborg Palace.

The Crown Prince made a visit to Nepal from 17-20 September with the Danish Red Cross to gain insight into the organization's emergency relief work in earthquake-stricken areas. Nepal is hit every year by natural catastrophes and epidemics, and the objective of the trip was to display the Red Cross's relief work and support for local communities in the form of temporary shelter, re-establishment of work and self-sufficiency, and psychosocial support. During the trip, The Crown Prince visited earthquake-stricken local areas and met families seeking to recreate their lives after the catastrophes.

From 16-18 February, The Crown Princess visited Ethiopia with trade and development cooperation minister Mogens Jensen. The visit in Ethiopia had a two-part focus, partly on women's health and rights in humanitarian crisis situations and partly on female circumcision. During the visit, The Crown Princess met with a number of international civil society organizations and leaders in the area of women's health and rights and was enlightened about the complex of problems as well as possible solution models.



Prince Joachim launched Børnenes U-landskalender 2015.

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On 6 March and 6 October, The Crown Princess, as patron, took part in meetings with the Women Deliver Committee in Copenhagen and, on 1 September, in a networking event relating to Women Deliver at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 22-23 March, The Crown Princess participated in meetings as a member of the High-Level Task Force for the ICPD (International Conference on Population and Development) in New York, USA, and in activities connected



Princess Marie baked raspberry pastries with a 4th year school class.

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with the UN General Assembly's Special Session for ICPD in New York from 27-29 September.

As patron, The Crown Princess participated in the International Center for Research on Women's "Champions for Change Awards" gala dinner in London on 12 March and gave a speech and awarded prizes. In her role as patron, The Crown Princess took part in the celebration of the Maternity Foundation's 10th anniversary on 22 April and, later in the year, in the reception of an award to the organization. On 26 August, The Crown Princess participated in a meeting with foreign affairs minister Kristian Jensen and the UNFPA's executive director, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and, later the same day, The Crown Princess received Dr. Osotimehin at Frederik VIII's Palace, Amalienborg.

Together with the organizations Orchid Project and Tostan, The Crown Princess visited Senegal from 11-15 to see and get a deeper understanding of the organizations' work with "Community Empowerment Programmes". The programme has special focus on women's and girls' rights and female circumcision.

As the patron of CARE, Prince Joachim took part in the launching of the Børnenes U-landskalender 2015 at Ørestad Skole in Copenhagen on 5 October. The year's calendar focused on raising money for Care Denmark's project in Nepal, which supports children residing in three mountain districts. The launching of the Børnenes U-landskalender took place in cooperation between CARE Denmark, DR and Danida, and the Prince, together with TV host Joakim Ingversen from DR Ultra and singer and TV host Per Vers, presented the Børnenes U-landskalender 2015 to students at Ørestad Skole.

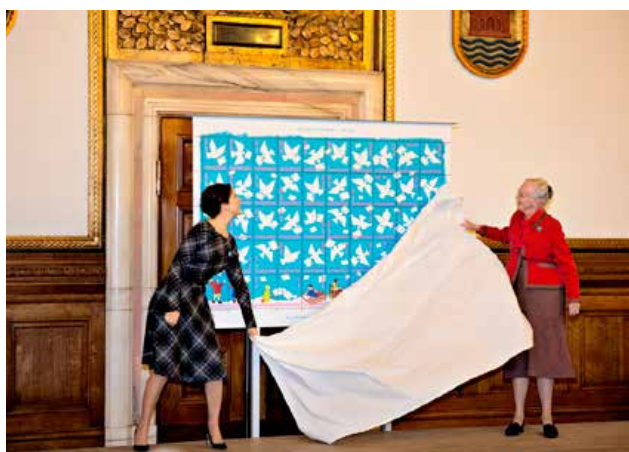
As patron, Princess Marie participated in the Danish AIDS Foundation's IPM briefing in Copenhagen on 13 May. The International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM) is the Danish AIDS Foundation's partner that works on development of a so-called microbicide, which is a new prevention method that should protect women against HIV during sexual intercourse. As patron of DanChurchAid, the Princess took part in the relief organization's campaign "Bag så det batter" event on 20 May, when the Princess went into the school kitchen together with a 4th year class to bake in advance of the nationwide campaign aimed at getting a large number of food preparation classes across the country to bake to fight hunger in the world's poorest countries. On 2 July, Princess Marie visited DanChurchAid's activities at the Roskilde Festival.

Social activities

On the occasion of Dronningens Ferieby's 25th jubilee, The Queen visited the holiday village in Grenaa on 31 August and inspected one of the 44 newly-renovated holiday houses there. Dronningens Ferieby is targeted at families with special needs, and the focus is on creating a setting for the holiday in which the family is as independent as possible. Dronningens Ferieby is owned by the Danish Multiple Sclerosis Society, and The Queen, through her patronage of the Danish Multiple Sclerosis Society, has lent her name to the holiday village.

The Queen was the artist behind the year's Christmas seal from The Christmas Seal Foundation and, on this occasion, was present with The Crown Princess at the presentation of the Christmas Seal 2015 on 29 October at Copenhagen City Hall. The Queen has designed the Christmas seal two times previously, in 1970 and 2003. The proceeds from the sales of Christmas seals go to Denmark's four Christmas Seal Homes, where approximately 750 children come to stay each year to get help handling problems such as bullying and loneliness. The Crown Princess took part in the launching as patron of The Christmas Seal Foundation.

On 25 August at Guldberg Skole in Copenhagen, The Crown Princess launched The Mary Foundation's new initiative "Kærlig Talt", which is an instructional course developed in



The Queen and The Crown Princess unveiled the year's Christmas seal at Copenhagen City Hall.

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On 12 May, The Crown Princess took part with The Mary Foundation in a Klubfidus event at AaB.

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cooperation with the Center for Familieudvikling. The course is targeted at the older classes of public schools and was created to prevent violent relationships such as dating violence. The Crown Princess paid a visit to Mødrehjælpen in Aalborg on 12 May with The Mary Foundation and there initiated "Advice for Life". With that start, free counselling for women who have been exposed to physical, psychological or economic abuse has become a permanent offering at Mødrehjælpen Aalborg. "Advice for Life" was established in 2009 and has helped more than 2500 women since then. On 15 September, The Crown Princess took part in the "Advice for Life" counsellor day with The Mary Foundation and gave a speech.

As chairman of The Mary Foundation, The Crown Princess participated in the Global Network of Women's Shelters' conference in The Netherlands from 4-5 November together with HM Queen Máxima of The Netherlands. The objective of the conference was to establish knowledge and experience exchanges across cultures and nationalities – ultimately to stop violence against women.

The Crown Princess also took part in a number of other arrangements with The Mary Foundation, including the Klubfidusen event at AaB on 12 May, the "Forbes 400 Summit on Philanthropy" in New York, USA, from 1-3 June, and the "Free of Bullying" seminar in Copenhagen on 8 October. On 27 October, The Crown Princess participated in a conference on well-being in leisure time with The Mary Foundation.

On 25 February, The Crown Princess spoke at a reception for professionals about promotion of women's rights in the CSR efforts of companies in the Joint Hall at Christiansborg Palace, and, the following day The Crown Princess, as patron of Rare Diseases Denmark, participated in an event at Handicaporganisationernes Hus on the occasion of the year's Rare Disease Day. On 8 May, The Crown Princess was in charge of the opening of Ringsted Krisecenter's sensory garden and playground and, on 19 June, The Crown Princess opened the joint reading promotion campaign by Danish children's librarians, "Sommerbogen" 2015, at Odense Central Library. The Crown Princess paid a visit on 18 August to TUBA, which won the Crown Prince Couple's Social Prize 2014. The organization has existed since 1997. It offers free help, counselling and therapy to young people between 14 and 35 years old from homes with alcohol abuse.

Later in the year, on 23 October, The Crown Princess presided over the opening of the YMCA in Denmark Soldiers' Recreation Centre's transitional housing for families of veterans at Høvelte, Birkerød, and, on 28 October, The Crown Princess took part in the 15th anniversary conference of the grief counselling group Børn, Unge & Sorg and gave a speech in that connection. The conference took place in the Joint Hall at Christiansborg Palace. As patron, The Crown Princess participated in Children's Aid Day and the e-Boks tennis event with Caroline Wozniacki at KB Tennis in Copenhagen on 24 November.

As patron of Autism Denmark, Princess Marie opened the conference Meeting of Minds on 29 January at Bella Sky Copenhagen. On 28 April, the Princess visited Denmark's biggest autism conference "SIKON" and, on 1 September, dedicated a new outdoors learning and activity space at Langagerskolen in Viby, Jutland. On 28 May, the Princess took part in Specialskolernes Idrætsdag, which is a joint athletics day for special schools in Southern Jutland.

In connection with her engagement in Girl Guide and Girl Scout life, Princess Benedikte participated in a number of meetings and activities throughout the year. On 5 March, the Princess held a meeting of the Committee for Support of International



Princess Marie took part in Specialskolernes Idrætsdag at Aabenraa Stadium.

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Scouting and Guiding at Christian VIII's Palace at Amalienborg. Later the same day and on 6 May, the Princess chaired meetings of the Joint Committee of Girl Guides in Denmark.

Sport

The Crown Prince was at a number of Danish and international championships held on Danish soil. On 30 May, The Crown Prince attended the finals of the "ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup Copenhagen" at Bagsværd Lake. As patron, The Crown Prince presented medals at the Danish championship finals in wheelchair tennis on 16 August at Allerød Tennis Club and, on the same occasion, received the Danish Tennis Federation's Gold Pin. In November, The Crown Prince was at the opening ceremony for the European Curling Championships 2015, which were held at Granly Hockey Arena, Esbjerg, as well as at the 2015 World Trampoline, Tumbling and DMT Championships, which were held at the Sparekassen Fyn Arena, Odense.

As a member of the International Olympic Committee, The Crown Prince attended an FIS Nordic World Ski Championships event in Falun, Sweden, on 22 February. The Crown Prince also took part in meetings with the committee on 23 March and from 9-11 November in Lausanne, Switzerland, as well as from 22-24 September in PyeongChang, South Korea. In June, The Crown Prince participated in a 2022 Candidate City Briefing in Lausanne, Switzerland.



The Crown Prince threw the first ceremonial stone at the opening ceremony for the European Curling Championships 2015.

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On 5 March, The Crown Prince spoke at the congress of the Sports Confederation of Denmark (DIF) under the main theme "Will sports save the world? Or will the world save sports?" with the objective of focusing on sports for everyone and elite sports. Later the same month, The Crown Prince participated in the launching of a new vision for Danish sports: DIF/DGI Vision 25-50-75 at the GI. Valby Hal, Copenhagen, and gave a speech in that connection. The goal of the new vision is to engage 600,000 more Danes in sports and fitness by the year 2025.

During the year, The Crown Prince was also present at events connected to the nationwide School Olympic Games, where school classes can qualify at 17 local athletic meets spread



The Crown Prince took part in the warm-ups at a local School Olympic Games meet.

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over the whole country ending in a final competition. On 6 May, The Crown Prince was at a local School Olympic Games meet in Helsingør. The Crown Prince took part in the warm-ups and attended various School Olympic Games competitions. The final of the School Olympic Games took place on 11 June at Østerbro Stadium in Copenhagen, where The Crown Prince gave the opening speech for the 7600 students from 320 4th-7th year classes from across the country that had qualified for the final competition.

On 1 June, The Crown Prince visited the volunteer organization FitforKids at Selsmoseskolen in Taastrup. During the visit, The Crown Prince watched a training demonstration and greeted the FitForKids children. FitforKids is a nationwide volunteer organization established in 2007 that offers free weight loss courses in Denmark for children between 7-15 years of age and their families.

As patron of the Danish Swimming Federation, The Crown Princess launched on 9 March in the federation's event "Alle skal lære at svømme", which is a three-year development project that will partly focus on the importance of learning to swim and partly on examining whether the swimming instruction in public schools can be approached in other ways. On 22 June, The Crown Princess launched a new life-saving post at Tversted Beach in Northern Jutland, an event in which students from Tversted Skole also took part, and engaged in life-saving exercises.

As patron, HRH Princess Benedikte attended the opening of Esbjerg og Omegns Rideklub's international equestrian vaulting meet on May 29.



The Crown Princess spoke with the students from Tversted Skole.

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Health

The Crown Princess, in her role as patron, participated in the 14th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) at the Bella Center, Copenhagen, on 8 May.

As patron of the Danish Mental Health Foundation, The Crown Princess visited the foundation's Reach Out bus and observed teaching in a 6th year class on mental health and well-being on 27 May. On 24 August, The Crown Princess took part in the opening of Psykiatrisygehuset in Slagelse, which was built to create new facilities as well as a bright and spacious environment that aids the patient through the course of hospitalization. Later in the year on 6 November, The Crown Princess presided over the opening of the Ministry of Health's "Nordic Summit on Mental Health" in Copenhagen.

On 16 September, The Crown Princess paid a visit together with the Danish Heart Association to Aarhus University Hospital to inspect the children's heart clinic and greet the hospitalized children and their parents.

As patron of the Danish Diabetes Association, Prince Joachim was present on 30 May at the opening of the representative council meeting in Copenhagen on the occasion of the association's 75th anniversary and, on 19 November, took part during the presentation of research grants at the Danish Diabetes Association, Copenhagen.



The Crown Princess met the two patients Ann Runge Nygaard and Maja Randlev Møller.

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Princess Marie was shown paintings that a group of children had painted on the occasion of the birthday of the children's ward.

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On 12 January, Princess Marie presided over the opening of a new addition to the existing Hospital of Southern Jutland in Aabenraa. The construction was carried out in collaboration between the Hospital of Southern Jutland and Psychiatry in the Region of Southern Denmark and will be instrumental in creating closer cooperation between the two parties. As patron of the Danish Epilepsy Association, Princess Marie visited Epilepsihospitalet Filadelfia in Dianalund on 6 March and participated in the 60th birthday of the children's ward at the epilepsy hospital on 25 September.

On 6 November, Princess Benedikte visited the Danish Society for Cerebral Palsy and Handicaporganisationernes Hus in Taastrup.

Defence

The Queen inspected a parade by the Royal Life Guard on March 11 and afterwards presented the "Queen's watch" at the Life Guard's barracks in Copenhagen. The "Queen's watch" is a mark of honour presented at the conclusion of a period of service to the guardsman who is chosen by the guard company as the service period's best guard. On 29 June, The Queen received new officers from the Army at Christiansborg Palace and, on 3 July, new officers from the Navy at Marselisborg Palace.



The Queen viewed a parade by the Royal Life Guard and presented "The Queen's watch".

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The Queen and The Prince Consort held the Medal Dinner for the officers from the Defence and the Air Force on 11 March at Fredensborg Palace together with The Crown Prince Couple.

The Crown Prince attended a ceremony marking the new joint command for the Special Services at Aalborg Air Base on 25 June. The Special Operations Command is an operative command that has the duty of strengthening and developing the Defence's Special Operations capacity with reference to Denmark's strategic challenges. In connection with the command ceremony, The Crown Prince inspected a parade.



The Crown Prince inspects the parade formation during the ceremony marking the new joint command of the Special Forces at Aalborg Air Base.

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The Crown Princess is promoted to first lieutenant.

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On 10 March, The Crown Princess took part in a private viewing of the Danish Home Guard's painting exhibition at Copenhagen City Hall and, on 18 September, participated in the Home Guard's field exercise, which consisted of training on the rifle range at Korselitse Mellemskov on Falster, where the volunteer Home Guard soldiers carried out sharpshooting. Afterwards, The Crown Princess participated actively in the watch training at the Vordingborg Barracks as a member of the watch force. In connection with the exercise, The Crown Princess was promoted to first lieutenant.

On 25 April, The Crown Princess participated in ANZAC Day 2015 at The Citadel, Copenhagen. ANZAC Day is a remembrance day for the fallen soldiers from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, ANZAC, who fought in the First World War at the battle of Gallipoli in Turkey in 1915.

On 1 November, Prince Joachim began a new position as a special advisor in the Defence in relation to the implementation of the new total force concept, which will strengthen the future use of volunteers in the Home Guard and personnel from the reserve. The new total force concept means, among other things, that the integration between the reserve and the regular structure is strengthened so that more equal and transparent conditions are established in relation to, for example, training and use. Prince Joachim took part as an honour recipient at the observance of "International Peacekeepers Day" on 29 May at The Citadel in Copenhagen, where the Prince laid a wreath at the monument for

Denmark's International Efforts. On 28 June, Prince Joachim took part in the event "Åben Hede" at the Army Combat and Fire Support School in Oksbøl, where there were displayed new and old vehicles, sharpshooting and combat techniques.

Princess Marie visited the Danish Emergency Management Agency's emergency response centre in Hedehusene on 13 March to get a look at new operative capacities and meet some of the emergency response centre's volunteers, and, on 5 May, the Princess participated in the Danish Emergency Management Agency's northern commanders' course at Havreholm Castle in Hornbæk. On 1 August, the Princess was also present at the annual recurring Emergency Preparedness Day at Allinge on Bornholm. Here, members of the public can get insight into how they should act if an accident or catastrophe hits. During the event, the Princess paid a visit to Bornholm's Home Guard, the Coast Rescue Service, the Bornholm Police and the Volunteer Emergency Rescue Service on Bornholm and also took part in a sailing tour along the coast in the Danish Emergency Management Agency's boat used to search for persons lost at sea.

In connection with the commemoration of the flag day for Danes officially serving in other countries on 5 September, Prince Joachim and Princess Marie visited with Danish Emergency Management Agency personnel stationed abroad and afterwards participated in a service at Holmen Church, a memorial ceremony and wreath-laying at The Citadel in Copenhagen.



Prince Joachim and Princess Marie took part in the 5 September wreath-laying ceremony at The Citadel, Copenhagen.

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On 18 January, Prince Joachim participated in a briefing in Karup at the Danish Defence's Transportation Office in connection with the Prince's new position in the Defence

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Research and education

On 8 May, The Queen and The Prince Consort were present at the Technical University of Denmark's anniversary celebration and, on 20 November, The Queen and The Prince Consort were present at the University of Copenhagen's anniversary celebration.



The Crown Prince speaks in connection with the award ceremony of United World Colleges Achievement, which took place in Frederik VIII's Palace at Amalienborg.

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The Crown Princess saw, among other things, plankton at the opening of Forskningens Døgn.

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On 7 May, The Crown Prince presented The Brain Prize 2015, which is given to one or more researchers who have distinguished themselves through an outstanding contribution to European brain research. The 2015 prize of 1 million Euros was awarded to the four brain researchers Winfried Denk, Arthur Konnerth, Karel Svoboda and David Tank for their invention, development and use of the two-photon microscope, which helps to see how brain cells communicate with each other. In connection with the Energy Summit 2015, The Crown Prince on 18 June presented the ELFORSK prize, which is a research programme that each year distributes 25 million DKK to research and development projects. The Crown Prince presented the prize to the Danish Technological Institute, which has developed a new and improved domestic hot water heat pump in cooperation with the companies Vesttherm, EBM Papst, IPU and Danfoss.

On 22 April, The Crown Princess participated in the official opening of the research festival Forskningens Døgn at the Technical University of Denmark in Lyngby. During the opening, The Crown Princess presented the Research Communication Award 2015 to clinical professor Lars Østergaard and, afterwards, was shown three activities within the university's marine research. On 2 September, The Crown Princess presented the Carlsberg Foundation's Research



On 21 April, Prince Joachim visited the business school Tradium at HTX Teknisk Gymnasium in Randers.

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Prizes 2015 to professor Jens Kehlet Nørskov for his research in physics and chemistry and to professor Andreas Roepstorff for his research in human culture and biology. At the opening of the international school Aarhus Academy for Global Education (AAGE) on 16 September, The Crown Princess was in attendance. On 18 September, The Crown Princess participated in The University Startup World Cup at the House of Industry in Copenhagen.

On 28 April, Princess Marie took part in the final working meeting at the University of Southern Denmark that dealt with the internationalization of the university's study environment and educational programs. The Princess was in charge of distributing grants from the Danish National Commission for UNESCO and L'Oréal for women involved in the natural sciences on 11 May and, on 29 August, Princess Marie presided over the official opening of Campus Tønder, where several youth and business training programs are housed.

On 5 October, Princess Benedikte visited A.P. Møller Skolen in Slesvig, which belongs under the Danish School Association for Southern Slesvig. Schools in the association must ensure education and development for children and young people in the Danish minority.

Foundation and prize distributions

In connection with Denmark's Collection 2015, the royal foundations Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik's Foundation as well as Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation supported the fundraising effort with 750,000 DKK in total. Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik's Foundation supports cultural, scientific and social purposes. The foundation supported Denmark's Collection 2015 with 500,000 DKK. Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation offers grants for humanitarian and social purposes, cultural purposes, scientific purposes and education, and it supported Denmark's Collection 2015 with 250,000 DKK. The Crown Prince Couple attended the fundraising show on DR 1 on 31 January. Denmark's Collection 2015 was a joint fundraising effort for the developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. On 19 March, The Queen and The Prince Consort, on behalf of Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik's Foundation, awarded the Amalienborg Prize to senior lecturer Henning Knudsen. Henning Knudsen is a lecturer at the University of Copenhagen and heads the Natural History Museum of Denmark's library. With the prize came 100,000 DKK for an English translation of his work "Fortællingen om Flora Danica" ("The Story of Flora Danica") as well as the Amalienborg Medal. It was the 13th time the Amalienborg Medal was awarded. In addition, The Queen and The Prince Consort's foundation awarded 2,238,000 DKK to cultural, scientific and social purposes, including 200,000 DKK to UNICEF DANMARK for relief of children in Nepal. The foundation also



The Queen and The Prince Consort awarded the Amalienborg Prize and the Amalienborg Medal at Fredensborg Palace.

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granted 100,000 DKK to the Cayx Scholarship, which supports students and university graduates with relation to France. Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation distributed, in total, 1,040,000 DKK to scientific, cultural, humanitarian and social purposes. In addition, the foundation supported a number of sport-related purposes - for example, the Danish Sports Federation for the Disabled received 200,000 DKK for preparations for the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2016.

The Nikolai and Felix Foundation, which is the third largest royal foundation, awarded 455,000 DKK in total, with 260,000 DKK to cultural purposes, 75,000 DKK to social and humanitarian purposes and 120,000 DKK to educational and research-related purposes. Besides the important humanitarian organizations the foundation has supported, a wide range of cultural and artistic events and publications were supported.

The Prince Consort presided over the presentation of prizes from HRH The Prince Consort's Foundation at Fredensborg Palace on 11 June. With the prizes, The Prince Consort supports persons who have contributed to promoting the quality of life in society and who have increased Denmark's standing culturally, commercially and in the area of research. The year's prizes were awarded to lawyer Anders Torbøl, art historian Thyge Christian Fønss, theatre director Elisa Kragerup, bridge player Christina Lund Madsen, manager Jacob Riis Folkenberg and actor Mikkel Boe Følsgaard.



The Prince Consort awarded prizes from HRH The Prince Consort's Foundation at Fredensborg Palace on 11 June.

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On 3 October, the Crown Prince Couple handed out the Crown Prince Couple's Prizes 2015, which took place at The Culture Yard in Helsingør. There, the development programme "Mind Your Own Business" received the Crown Prince Couple's Social Prize, theatre director Elisa Kragerup received the Crown Prince Couple's Culture Prize, and designer Mark Tan and author and visual artist Amalie Smith received the Crown Prince Couple's Stardust Prizes. The objective of the prize distributions is to respectively reward and put a focus on extraordinary achievements or initiatives in the areas of social efforts and Danish culture.



On 25 July, the royal family members present posed for a photograph in connection with the family's stay at Gråsten Palace.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT

The royal finances are presented here in summary form. The full text is contained in the Danish version of the annual report, which has been audited by the independent accountants Deloitte.

GENERAL

The financial statements of the Civil List and the Parliamentary Annuity paid to The Crown Prince are presented in accordance with the provisions regarding class A enterprises under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In accordance with the Danish Personal Tax Act and the Danish Act on the Registration of Motor Vehicles, The Queen and The Prince Consort, The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess, Prince Joachim, Princess Marie and Princess Benedikte are not subject to income tax or registration tax in relation to motor vehicles, etc., but they are subject to the normal tax rules governing inheritances, gifts and property. Value added tax is reimbursed in accordance with the rules that also apply for state institutions, and the annual reimbursement is limited to a percentage of the parliamentary allowance corresponding to the current rate of value added tax.

THE CIVIL LIST

The annual Parliamentary allowance to The Queen is laid down in The Civil List Act, as last amended in 2001.

That allowance is adjusted in accordance with movements in the pay index for employees in the state sector. The state has pension liabilities in respect to Court officials employed under the terms of the Civil List (employed by The Queen), and pension contributions equivalent to the pension contributions paid by government ministries and state agencies are paid to the Ministry of Finance from the Civil List.

The Parliamentary allowance is provided to meet the expenses of The Queen and The Prince Consort and the expenses of Princess Benedikte incurred in carrying out official engagements.

Total VAT rebate for 2015: 6,892,294 DKK.

The Civil List

THE CIVIL LIST

Extract from financial statements

	2015	2014
	DKK	DKK'000
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
INCOME		
Parliamentary allowance	78,412,808	77,736
Other income	2,488,487	2,585
	<u>80,901,295</u>	<u>80,321</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Staff costs	49,364,577	48,967
Court expenses	11,667,294	10,150
Administration expenses	4,799,284	4,584
Property expenses	7,298,707	3,502
Depreciations	1,692,627	1,688
The Queen and The Prince Consort's expenditure cap	10,213,268	10,125
	<u>85,035,757</u>	<u>79,016</u>
Net income before financial income and expenditure	- 4,134,462	1,305
Financial income		266
Financial expenses	- 48,798	-
Net income for the year	<u>- 4,183,260</u>	<u>1,571</u>

BALANCE SHEET

	2015 DKK	2014 DKK'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets	7,726,730	7,746
Current Assets	25,521,214	29,353
Total assets	33,247,944	37,099
RESERVE AND LIABILITIES		
Reserve at 31 December	16,242,283	20,426
Current liabilities	17,005,661	16,674
Total reserve and liabilities	33,247,944	37,099

THE CROWN PRINCE

The Parliamentary annuity paid to The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess is laid down in the Act on the Annual Allowance to Crown Prince Frederik of 2004. The adjustment of that allowance and the reimbursement of value added tax follow the same principles which are applied to the Civil List.

Total VAT rebate for 2015: 1,454,202 DKK

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Extract from financial statements

	2015 DKK	2014 DKK'000
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

Parliamentary allowance	19,301,033	19,134
Other income	1,112	2
	<u>19,302,145</u>	<u>19,136</u>

EXPENDITURE

Staff costs	10,929,109	11,015
Court expenses	2,195,332	2,444
Administration expenses	283,620	382
Property expenses	1,034,281	1,157
Depreciations	316,292	267
The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess expenditure cap	<u>3,860,207</u>	<u>3,826</u>
	<u>18,618,841</u>	<u>19,091</u>

Net income before financial income and expenditure	683,304	45
Financial income	254	4
Net income for the year	683,558	49

BALANCE SHEET

	2015	2014
	DKK	DKK'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets	2,433,707	1,844
Current Assets	3,271,257	3,662
Total assets	5,704,964	5,506
RESERVE AND LIABILITIES		
Reserve at 31 December	1,690,547	1,007
Current liabilities	4,014,417	4,499
Total reserve and liabilities	5,704,964	5,506

PRINCE JOACHIM

The Parliamentary annuity paid to Prince Joachim and Princess Marie is laid down in the Act on the Annual Allowance to Prince Joachim, as last amended in 2008. The adjustment of that allowance and the reimbursement of value added tax follow the same principles which are applied to the Civil List.

Prince Joachim received an annual annuity of 3,411,486 DKK and reimbursement of 852,872 DKK value added tax.