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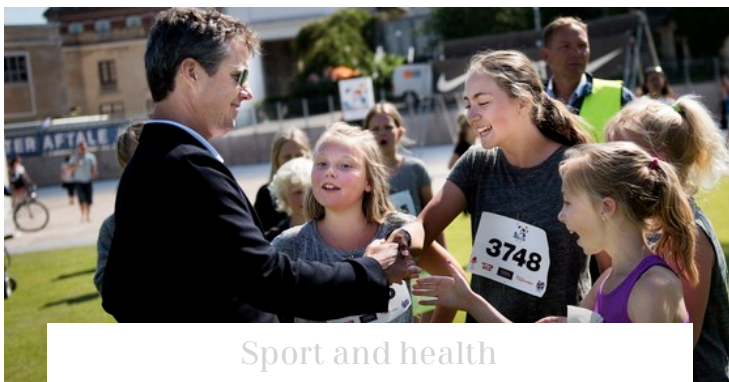
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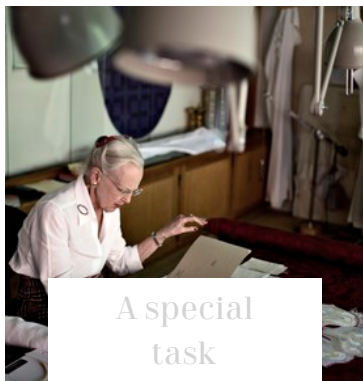
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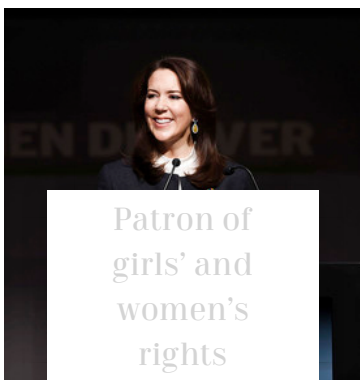
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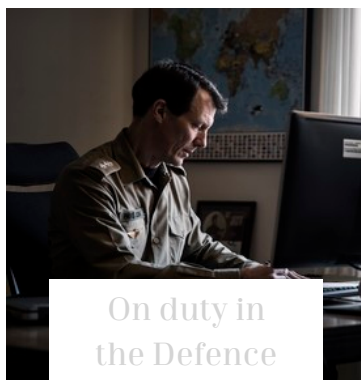
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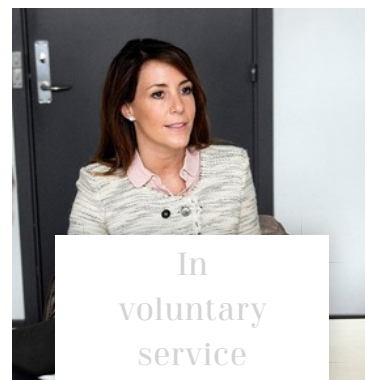
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Patron of girls' and women's rights



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Introduction

Welcome to the Royal House's annual report for 2016. The annual report describes the work of the Royal House during the year and the royal family's activities as well as other doings in a number of areas, such as business and culture, humanitarian and social initiatives, sport and health, the defence, research and education as well as foundation and award distributions.

HM The Queen and HRH Prince Henrik were hosts when Mexico's president, HE Enrique Peña Nieto, and First Lady Angélica Rivera came for a state visit on the days of 13-14 April accompanied by a business delegation of 29 companies. The state visit focused on climate-, energy- and environmental technology, health and welfare as well as agriculture and food products.

The Queen carried out three cruises on the Royal Yacht Dannebrog. In June, there was a journey to the Faroe Islands with visits at, among other places, schools, retirement homes, companies and cultural institutions. In her speech at a banquet at The Nordic House in Tórshavn, The Queen praised the strong Faroese culture with these words: "The greatest riches of the Faroe Islands are not the fish in the sea or the potential oil underground – no, it is, and always has been, the Faroese people themselves."

The year's summer cruises went first to the municipalities of Lolland and Varde and later to the municipalities of Odsherred, Favrskov and Langeland.

After more than 40 years of work for Denmark and Danish interests, HRH Prince Henrik retired in 2016. At the same time, The Prince got more time to devote himself to his passion for art, literature and music.

During the year, The Crown Prince Couple led two overseas business promotional campaigns. One was in Saudi Arabia and Qatar with a business delegation of 44 companies and several interest groups, and the other was in the USA with approximately 20 Danish companies participating.

As a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), HRH The Crown Prince was present throughout the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and participated in a number of meetings and events within the IOC framework during the year. Another focus area for The Crown Prince was increasing the cooperation between the Danish business community and Danish entrepreneurs, among other things by being the patron of DenmarkBridge, which is a new organisation with the objective of strengthening the bridge between the business community in this country and development taking place in Silicon Valley.

The world's largest conference about women's equality took place in May in Copenhagen, where HRH The Crown Princess, as patron, helped to focus attention on creating a better life for girls and women. The conference concluded after four days, and the work continues. At the UN General Assembly six months later, The Crown Princess helped to launch a new international campaign for the health and rights of girls and women.

HRH Prince Joachim began a new position as a special advisor to the defence chief in November 2015. From his office at the Citadel in Copenhagen, the Prince is now part of a group which works on rethinking cooperation between the society and the business community.

In 2016, HRH Princess Marie was attached to the Danish Emergency Management Agency as a special project staff member with the task of helping to develop a new effort in which the goal is to strengthen local networks and citizens so that individuals become capable of handling and preventing disasters. The task is part of the work on the National Prevention Strategy. Several years ago, the Princess went through emergency preparedness training in the operational tasks.

In connection with her engagement in girl guide and girl scout life, Princess Benedikte took part in The Olave Baden-Powell Society's board meeting and annual members' meeting in Pune, India in 2016. There, the Princess visited local girl guides and partners. The Princess also participated in the opening of the CMT tourism trade fair in Stuttgart, Germany and visited the

Danish stands at the fair.

As in previous years, the royal family's official duties included the reception of audience-seekers and ambassadors as well as attention to the royal foundations, which in the past year have distributed funds to projects of cultural, scientific, educational, social and humanitarian character. In addition, the application and response procedures for the royal foundations were digitalised in 2016.

2016 was also the year when the Royal House entered social media with official pages on Facebook and Instagram. The media use of the Danes is changing, and the Royal House wants to be where the Danes are. The stories about the Royal House and the work of the royal family are, to a greater degree, told directly to the Danish people through text, pictures and videos. During the year, the Royal House's website was also relaunched. Now, the website, together with the Royal House's profiles on the social media and the existing YouTube channel, make up the Royal House's digital media platforms.



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Report

CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES

As head of state, HM The Queen cooperates during the formation of governments and the reshuffling of cabinets. Thus, during the year there were cabinet reshuffles in which incoming and departing ministers were received at Amalienborg.

Seven Councils of State, over which the Sovereign presides, were held at Christiansborg Palace. In addition, The Queen has regularly received the prime minister and the minister of foreign affairs, when they have provided briefings about the latest political developments within Denmark and abroad.

Public audiences were granted 20 times, during which more than 1200 citizens appeared to thank The Queen and, in The Queen's absence, HRH The Crown Prince for an official appointment or retirement, conferment of orders, medals of merit or medals of reward.



At a public audience on 4 July, Jens Brunbjerg offered thanks for the royal medal of reward for 50 years of employment as a tanker driver at Arla Foods.

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On 5 January, The Queen held the New Year's levee for the diplomatic corps at Christiansborg Palace.

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The Queen received 23 foreign ambassadors, who must present their credentials before they can perform their duties as ambassadors in the country. In addition, The Queen received 11 departing ambassadors in farewell audiences.

A number of foreign political leaders et al. had audiences with The Queen during the year, among them the Council of Europe's secretary general, Poland's president, Lithuania's president, Iceland's prime minister, Estonia's prime minister, and the speaker of the Swedish Parliament.



New Year's levee for the diplomatic corps at Christiansborg Palace on 5 January.

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DANNEBROG CRUISES

In 2016, The Queen went on a cruise to the Faroe Islands and on summer cruises around Denmark aboard the Royal Yacht Dannebrog.



The Queen during the visit to the Faroe Islands from 12-16 June.

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The Queen visited the Faroe Islands on 12-16 June. The visit began on Suduroy, the southernmost island of the Faroe Islands, after which The Queen visited the capital Tórshavn and the fifth-largest of the Faroe Islands, Sandoy. During the stay in the Faroe Islands, The Queen visited, among other places, schools, retirement homes for the elderly, companies and cultural institutions.

On 14 June, The Queen participated in a banquet at Nordens Hus (The Nordic House), Tórshavn, and, in her speech, offered thanks for the hospitality The Queen has experienced on every visit since the first in 1959, when The Queen visited the Faroe Islands with her parents. The Queen concluded her speech by saying in Faroese: *“It is not only me who thinks that the Faroe Islands are fascinating. The increasing number of tourists is proof of that. They don’t want to just experience the exceptional Faroese nature, they would also like to get to know the Faroese culture. It is one of the Faroese society’s strongest assets. It has kept itself alive throughout the ages and is still evolving. This can clearly be seen from the culture centres which are built and expanded in many places, and from the numerous galleries which are run by passionate*

enthusiasts and help to develop a strong cadre of Faroese artists. The greatest riches of the Faroe Islands are not the fish in the sea or the potential oil underground – no, it is, and always has been, the Faroese people themselves.”



On 13 June, The Queen visited a youth centre in the village Tvøroyri in the Faroe Islands.

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The Queen on 14 June visited the culture and music spot Rensriet in Tórshavn.

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The year’s summer cruises in Denmark took The Queen to the Municipality of Lolland and the Municipality of Varde on 1 and 3 June and to the municipalities of Odsherred, Favrskov and Langeland from 5-9 September. The Queen was delighted to visit the municipalities and once again be greeted by the many citizens who turned out.

On 1-2 June, The Queen visited the Municipality of Lolland and was received on the first day at Nakskov Harbour, after which The Queen was shown the common residential development Søhusene and visited Frederiksdal Kirsebærvin and the production company East Metal. On the second day, The Queen visited, among other places, Knuthenlund and took part in a sailing tour on Klostersøen.

On 3-4 June, The Queen visited the Municipality of Varde, where The Queen, after the official reception at Varde Town Hall, was driven through the town by coach to the municipal primary and lower secondary school Sct. Jacobi Skole. Later the same day, The Queen visited the Garden of Tambour and the wood and furniture company Kvist Industries. On 4 June, The Queen received a presentation about the future refugee museum in Oksbøl and visited the restored lake Filsø.



The Queen greeted the townspeople who turned out at Naskov Harbour during the visit to the Municipality of Lolland.

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On 2 June, The Queen visited Knuthenlund in the Municipality of Lolland.

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On 5-6 September, The Queen visited the Municipality of Odsherred and on 5 September was officially welcomed at Odsherred Teater, after which The Queen strolled through Algade and was presented with local street food. On 6 September, The Queen first visited Malergården, which is a part of Odsherred Art Museum and Museum Vestsjælland, and later the marshland Trundholm Mose in Geopark Odsherred.

In the Municipality of Favrskov on 7 September, The Queen participated in, among other things, a “Celebration of active and volunteer senior citizens” at the culture and health centre InSide and visited the company Wavin Danmark. Later the same day, The Queen took part in the opening of a new, creative study garden at Favrskov Gymnasium and afterwards visited the garden centre Knud Jepsen.

On 8-9 September, The Queen visited the Municipality of Langeland. On 8 September, The Queen arrived at Rudkøbing Harbour aboard the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, after which The Queen was driven to the Langeland Town Hall by coach. Afterwards, The Queen visited, among other places, the Holmegaard Asylum Centre, the museum Fiskeriets Hus and the Føllesbjerg Naval Observation Station. On 9 September, The Queen sailed to Strynø and visited Øhavets Smakke- og Naturcenter and Strynø School.

During each visit, The Queen kept the tradition of thanking the municipalities and the hosts of the places visited, by inviting to a reception aboard the Royal Yacht Dannebrog.



On 9 September, The Queen visited Strynø and saw Øhavets Smakke- og Naturcenter, which is a nature and cultural history centre with a special focus on the Southern Funen Archipelago.

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STATE VISITS AND OFFICIAL VISITS

On 13-14 April, there was an incoming state visit from Mexico in which HM The Queen and HRH Prince Henrik welcomed HE President Enrique Peña Nieto and First Lady Angélica Rivera to Denmark. The visit was a follow-up to The Queen and Prince Henrik's state visit in 2008 and The Crown Prince Couple's official visit to Mexico in 2013. The state visit focused on climate-, energy- and environmental technology, health and welfare as well as agriculture and food products. During the visit, the President and First Lady were accompanied by a number of ministers as well as business and press delegations.



Mexico's President H.E. Enrique Peña Nieto and First Lady Angélica Rivera made a state visit to Denmark from 13-14 April.
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The state visit began with an official welcome at Fredensborg Palace, after which the President and First Lady and The Crown Prince Couple visited Kronborg Castle and the M/S Maritime Museum of Denmark in Elsinore. In the evening, The Queen and Prince Henrik hosted a state dinner at Fredensborg Palace.

On the second day of the visit, the President and The Crown Prince took part in a business conference at the Confederation of Danish Industry in Copenhagen, while the First Lady and HRH The Crown Princess visited the kindergarten Ådalen in Kokkedal. The kindergarten Ådalen uses The Mary Foundation's and Save The Children's anti-bullying programme "Free of Bullying". Later the same day, the President and First Lady and The Crown Prince Couple visited Tjørnegaardsskolen in Gentofte, where the students demonstrated how LEGO is used in the teaching. The state visit concluded with a reciprocal event at Hotel D'Angleterre in Copenhagen hosted by the President and First Lady.

In 2016, an outgoing state visit to Turkey from 17-19 October had also been planned. But, on 10 August, a decision to postpone the state visit was made in consultation with the Turkish government.



On 13 April, The Queen and Prince Henrik hosted a state dinner at Fredensborg Palace in honour of the Mexican President and First Lady.

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The Crown Prince Couple led two business promotional campaigns in 2016.

On 28 February-3 March, The Crown Prince Couple took part in a business promotional campaign in Saudi Arabia and Qatar with a business delegation of 44 companies and several Danish interest groups. During the visit, The Crown Prince Couple were accompanied by minister of foreign affairs Kristian Jensen, minister of health Sophie Løhde and minister for industry Troels Lund Poulsen, and they participated in a number of business activities with the objective of strengthening trade in the areas of sustainability, health, food products, education and design.

In Saudi Arabia, The Crown Prince Couple took part in the opening of the promotional campaign and met

with the participating Danish companies. The Crown Prince Couple also participated in the Water Alliance Exchange's seminar, which was aimed at expanding knowledge about Danish competencies and solutions in water conservation. The Crown Prince Couple also visited the new economic quarter in Riyadh and the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre.

In Qatar, The Crown Prince Couple participated in a number of company visits and a business dinner. The Crown Prince Couple visited the sports academy Aspire Academy and The Islamic Museum in Doha, among other places.



The Crown Prince Couple on 2 March visited the Aspire Academy in Qatar, which was established in 2004 and is a sports academy for children and young people.

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On 3 March, The Crown Princess visited a local Qatari school which is part of the Qatar Academy.

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On 27-30 September, The Crown Prince Couple took part in a business promotional campaign in Washington, D.C and Boston in the USA. The business campaign's focus areas were food products, clean-tech, health solutions and the maritime trades. During the visit, The Crown Prince Couple were accompanied by minister for industry Troels Lund Poulsen and minister for environment and food Esben Lunde Larsen, and approximately 20 Danish companies participated in the promotional campaign.

During the visit to the USA, The Crown Prince Couple participated in a number of seminars and visited various companies and research centres, among them the International Centre for Research on Women in Washington, D.C. and the LEO Science & Tech Hub in Boston. In addition, The Crown Prince Couple took part in business luncheons and networking dinners as well as a gala banquet known as "The Grand Ball" at the Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building in Washington, D.C.



The Crown Prince Couple took part in a business promotional campaign in the USA from 27-30 September.

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The Crown Prince Couple at “The Grand Ball” in the Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building on 28 September.

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BUSINESS

Once a year, Haandværkerforeningen i København (The Association of Craftsmen in Copenhagen) awards medals to journeymen in the skilled trades who have completed their apprenticeships and who have performed exceptionally during the final test. On 31 May, The Queen was present at the year’s medal presentation at Copenhagen City Hall.

Later in the year, on 25 October, The Queen held a reception in Christian VII’s Palace, Amalienborg, for participants in the Danish Maritime Forum, which took place in connection with Danish Maritime Days in Copenhagen. Danish Maritime Days is aimed at generating attention for the Blue Denmark and gathers representatives and decision-makers from the maritime trades from all over the world. At the reception in Christian VII’s Palace, The Crown Princess and HRH Prince Joachim also participated. The following day, Prince Joachim gave the opening speech at the Danish Maritime Technology Conference 2016 at The Train Workshop in Copenhagen.



The Queen hosted a reception at Christian VII's Palace, Amalienborg, on 25 October in connection with the Danish Maritime Forum.

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As patron of the Danish-Chinese Business Forum, Prince Henrik spoke at the opening of the networking organisation's annual meeting on 14 April in Lyngby.

On 6 June, The Crown Prince participated in the official dinner of the Global Green Growth Forum (3GF) in connection with the annual summit meeting in Copenhagen, and on 7 June, The Crown Prince Couple hosted a dinner for the advisory board of 3GF at Frederik VIII's Palace, Amalienborg. 3GF's goal is to strengthen cooperation on sustainable growth among governments, companies and organisations.

On 14 September, The Crown Prince, in his role as patron, participated in a high-level dinner with DenmarkBridge at the residence of HE Ambassador Rufus Gifford of the USA. DenmarkBridge is a network-based non-profit organisation which works to strengthen cooperation between Danish companies and

Silicon Valley in California, where a large amount of new technology is developed.

In his role as patron, The Crown Prince took part in the Danish Foreign Policy Society's 70th jubilee at the old Stock Exchange Hall in Copenhagen on 31 October. The Danish Foreign Policy Society is a non-profit organisation with the objective of promoting knowledge of and increasing interest in foreign policy matters in Denmark.



The Crown Prince Couple hosted a dinner on 11 May at Frederik VIII's Palace, Amalienborg, for actors in the field of sustainable fashion in connection with the Copenhagen Fashion Summit.

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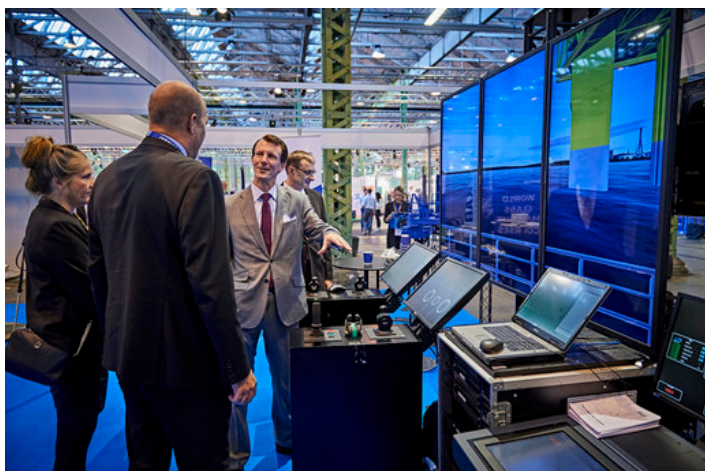
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In advance of the international conference Copenhagen Fashion Summit, The Crown Prince Couple hosted a dinner on 11 May at Frederik VIII's Palace, Amalienborg, for actors in the field of sustainable fashion. The next day, The Crown Princess gave a speech at the conference, which took place in DR Koncerthuset. The theme for Copenhagen Fashion Summit 2016 was "responsible innovation", and, at the conference, a number of experts, NGOs, media and politicians took part in discussing sustainable solutions in the fashion industry. On 10 August, The Crown Princess, in her role as patron, attended the design competition Designers' Nest Show at Børsen in Copenhagen and presented the prize to the winner, Shila Louise Gaonkar from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts School of Design.

As patron of High:five, Prince Joachim spoke at the project's 10th anniversary reception on 12 January in Copenhagen. High:five has the objective of assisting the country's private and public workplaces to establish jobs and training positions for former criminals ranging from 15 to 20 years old.

On 28 April, Prince Joachim gave a speech and presented medals to East Jutland's 25 best apprentices. The medal presentation took place at Aarhus City Hall and was arranged by Aarhus Haandværkerforening (The Association of Craftsmen in Aarhus) and The Danish Industry regional federations DI Østjylland, DI Silkeborg and DI Randers-Nordjylland.



Prince Joachim gave the opening speech at the Danish Maritime Technology Conference 2016 on 26 October.

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Prince Joachim and Princess Marie took part in the Copenhagen Goodwill Ambassadors gala dinner on 29 August on the occasion of the group's 20th anniversary jubilee.

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On 30 May, Prince Joachim opened the Danish-German export conference Exportdialog in Tønder. The conference, which focused on the opportunities for exporting and getting established in Germany, was a collaboration involving Tønder Erhvervsråd, HOUSE OF EXPORTERS, the Business Development Centre-Southern Denmark and the Trade Council. On 19 October, the Prince took part in "Deutscher Logistik-Kongress" (International Supply Chain Conference – Driving Change) in Berlin, Germany.

At the annual competition known as "The Potato Prize", which was held on 30 October at Kold College in Odense, Prince Joachim was the lay judge. The Potato Prize is a competition for chefs to produce a three-course menu consisting of a starter, a main course and a dessert in which potatoes are the main ingredient in all three courses. The Prince is patron of Danmarks Kartoffelråd, the potato industry organisation which sponsors the competition.

Together with Prince Joachim, HRH Princess Marie took part in a gala dinner on 29 August at Christian VIII's Palace, Amalienborg, on the occasion of the 20th jubilee of the Copenhagen Goodwill Ambassadors. The group, which Prince Joachim is patron of, consists of ambassadors who are all Danes residing abroad and who voluntarily work to draw attention to Copenhagen.

HRH Princess Benedikte represented Denmark at the opening of the CMT tourism trade fair in Stuttgart, Germany on 16 January. The Princess attended the official opening and afterwards visited the stands of the Danish exhibitors.



Princess Benedikte represented Denmark at the opening of the CMT tourism trade fair on 16 January in Stuttgart, Germany.

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CULTURE

During the year, The Queen was present at a number of exhibition openings all over Denmark.

On 9 February, The Queen participated in the opening of the exhibition “A Mechanical Dream – Lehmann’s Large Musical Cabinet” at Rosenborg Palace. The musical cabinet dates from 1755, when Frederik V ordered it from cabinetmaker C.F. Lehmann.



On 12 February, The Queen presided over the official opening of the newly restored Art Museums of Skagen .

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The Art Museums of Skagen hold more than 9000 artworks, including paintings by Marie Krøyer, Anna Ancher and Holger Drachmann among others.

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The Queen was present on 17 March at the opening of the exhibition “The Royal Kitchen” at Christiansborg Palace. The exhibition’s starting point is in the 1930s, and it follows the preparations for a gala dinner on the occasion of Christian X’s 25th jubilee on the throne in 1937, which was the largest royal banquet in 90 years. The Queen was also present at the reopening of the Audience Room at Frederiksborg Palace on 11 May and at opening of the special exhibit “Audience with Christian V”, which tells about the palace’s decoration and use during Christian V’s time.

On 21 September, The Queen opened the exhibition “From the Danish Royal Family’s Lofts and Cellars” at the Amalienborg Museum. The idea for the exhibition arose in connection with the Royal House’s digital registration of the inventories of the royal palaces, and The Queen participated in the selection of more than 2000 objects from the Royal House’s depots for the new exhibition. On 7 October, The Queen, in her role as patron, opened the exhibition “The First Immigrants – The Stone Age” at Moesgaard Museum in Aarhus.

Throughout the ages, the Royal House has had a tradition of inviting various actors in society to festive

gatherings. On 15 March, The Queen held an Arts and Culture Ball at Christiansborg Palace. The Arts and Culture Ball was held by The Queen and Prince Henrik for the first time in 1976 under the title “Arts et Lettres” (Art and Words). Since then, The Queen and Prince Henrik have hosted such balls for art and culture in 1985, 1998 and 2009.



On 15 March, The Queen held an Arts and Culture Ball at Christiansborg Palace.

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The Crown Prince asked The Queen for the evening's first dance after the dinner.

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On 12 April, The Queen presented the Rungstedlund Prize 2016 to the former director of the Danish Museum of Hunting and Forestry, Jette Baagøe. The Rungstedlund Prize was established in 1991 by the Rungstedlund Foundation, which The Queen oversees as patron and which aims to ensure the continuation of Rungstedlund, which was Karen Blixen's home and farmstead.

The Queen took part in the celebration of Coop and Den Danske Brugsforening's 150th jubilee on 4 May. The celebration took place at Designmuseum Danmark in Copenhagen, which in connection with the

anniversary showed the special exhibition “FDB – Graphic Design”. On 24 May, The Queen was present for the celebratory church service on the occasion of Maribo Cathedral’s 600th jubilee.

After undergoing a thorough restoration, the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany reopened on 2 October with a celebratory service, where a new antependium created by The Queen was also unveiled. After the service, The Queen visited the Luther Garden and the town hall.

The Queen held a reception at Christiansborg Palace for participants in the Nordic Council’s 68th session on 1 November. The Nordic Council is the parliamentary body for official Nordic country cooperation, and it has 87 selected members from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland. In 2016, Denmark held the presidency, so the 68th session took place in Copenhagen. In connection with the Nordic Council’s session, the presentation of the Nordic Council’s prizes took place on 1 November at DR Koncerthuset in Copenhagen, where The Crown Prince Couple were present. Every year, the Nordic Council presents its Children and Young People’s Literature Prize, Film Prize, Literature Prize, Environment Prize and Music Prize at the award ceremony.

On 9 November, The Queen presented the Ebbe Munck Honour Prize 2016 to journalist and editor Louise Bokkenheuser at Christiansborg Palace. The Queen is the patron of the Ebbe Munck Memorial Foundation, which every year awards the Ebbe Munck Honour Prize to honour the work of the resistance leader and journalist Ebbe Munck before, during and after the Second World War, prior to becoming Lord Chamberlain of the Royal Household and an ambassador.

On 30 April, Prince Henrik, in his role as patron, took part in the 50th anniversary of the Orders and Medals Society of Denmark at the Citadel in Copenhagen. The Orders and Medals Society of Denmark was established in 1966 with the goal of promoting the study of the history of orders and medals in the broadest sense. On 2 June, The Prince attended a concert by the Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir in Paris, France.



Prince Henrik presented the Europa Nostra Award on the Royal Yacht Dannebrog in Aarhus Harbour on 29 June. Prince Joachim was present in his role as patron.

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Prince Henrik presented the Europa Nostra Award on the Royal Yacht Dannebrog in Aarhus Harbour on 29 June. Prince Henrik is the former president of Europa Nostra Danmark, while Prince Joachim, who also attended the award presentation, is currently the patron of the organisation. Europa Nostra is a preservation organisation which protects and generates attention to Denmark's architectural and landscape culture. Architect Jens Markus Lindhe received the award based on his work with architectural presentation. On July 8, Prince Henrik, in his role as patron, opened the exhibition "Kongesalonerne" ("The Royal Salons") on Fregatten Jylland in Ebeltoft, and, on 10 September, Prince Henrik, in his role as patron of the Danish Hunters' Association, opened Jagtens Hus in Rønne. Jagtens Hus contains, among other things, an educational centre, a research centre and a visitor's centre.



On 11 September, The Crown Prince presided over the official opening of the Silkeborg Motorway.

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The Crown Prince on 29 April presided over the official opening of Denmark's museum for pop, rock and youth culture RAGNAROCK.

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On 29 April, The Crown Prince presided over the official opening of Denmark's museum for pop, rock and youth culture RAGNAROCK in Roskilde. The museum is a new national, culture-historical contemporary museum with a main focus on music and youth culture from the 1950s until today.

As the patron of Kunstforeningen GL STRAND, The Crown Prince on 12 May took part in the opening of the exhibition "No Limits" by the photographer Mario Testino. On 19 May, The Crown Prince hosted a reception at Frederik VIII's Palace, Amalienborg, in connection with "the Utzon 100 launch and in celebration of MADE by the Sydney Opera House". Later in the year, on 11 September, The Crown Prince presided over the opening of the Silkeborg Motorway. At the ceremony, the last section of the 83 km-long stretch between Aarhus and Herning was opened.



On 27 August, The Crown Princess participated in Glostrup's 825th jubilee.

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On 27 August, The Crown Princess took part in Glostrup's 825th jubilee celebration, and, on 3 October, The Crown Princess gave the opening speech at the Copenhagen Cultural Children's Summit at the Royal Play House in Copenhagen. It was the first time that the one-day conference on children, art and culture took place. At Odense City Hall on 30 October, The Crown Princess presented "The Hans Christian Andersen Literature Award". The award, which is presented every second year, went to the Japanese author Haruki Murakami in 2016.

In 2016, the Danish-Icelandic Society celebrated its 100th jubilee. In this connection, Prince Joachim and Princess Marie took part in the marking of the anniversary on 8 January at the North Atlantic House in Copenhagen, and the Prince and the Princess also visited Reykjavik from 21-22 January.

As patron of the Danish National Commission for UNESCO, Princess Marie opened the conference "The

UN's new global goals – For the world in Denmark and Denmark in the world” on 27 April at the National Museum of Denmark in Copenhagen. The conference focused on Denmark's opportunities and challenges in relation to the UN's new global goals. On 25 August, the Princess spoke at the international food products summit “Better Food for More People” at Copenhagen City Hall. The summit took place in connection with the Copenhagen Cooking & Food Festival.

In her role as patron, Princess Marie attended a number of concerts at the Tønder Festival on 27 August and opened Vadehavsfestival 2016 at Blåvandshuk Lighthouse on 31 August.



Princess Marie opened Vadehavsfestival 2016 on 31 August.

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On 12 May, Princess Benedikte, in her role as patron, opened the exhibition “Fabergé – The Tsar’s court jeweller and the Danish royal family” at Museet på Koldinghus. The exhibit displayed artistic jewellery created by the Russian tsar’s court jeweller Peter Carl Fabergé and rarely exhibited Fabergé objects still used by the royal family.

On 30 September, the Princess opened the exhibition “Light in Dark Places” with works by the Danish-American photojournalist Jacob A. Riis at Kunstforeningen GL STRAND. Princess Benedikte is patron of the Jacob A. Riis Neighbourhood Settlement House in New York.



Prinsesse Benedikte spoke at the opening of the exhibition “Fabergé - The Tsar’s court jeweller and the Danish royal family” at Museet på Koldinghus .

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THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Ahead of The Olympic Games, which took place on 5-21 August in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, The Crown Prince participated in a number of events related to the Olympics. On 5 February, The Crown Prince was present

when the Olympic flag bearer for the Danish team, tennis player Caroline Wozniacki, was presented at Copenhagen City Hall. The Crown Prince took part in the Danish Golf Union's Olympics event on 10 June in Copenhagen, which celebrated the return of golf to the Olympics programme after an absence of 112 years. On 15 April, The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess, who is patron of the Danish Swimming Federation, attended the Danish Open, the Olympics qualifying event, at Bellahøj Swimming Stadium and greeted the swimmers there.

As a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), The Crown Prince attended the opening of the "2nd Youth Olympic Games 2016" in Lillehammer, Norway on 12 February. The Crown Prince also took part in the IOC's general assembly from 2-5 August in Rio de Janeiro, in "2020 Lausanne - 1st Coordination Commission" from 26-27 October, and in IOC commission meetings in Lausanne, Switzerland from 6-9 November. In addition, The Crown Prince was present throughout the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and had various official duties in his role as an IOC member. The Crown Prince presented medals for, among other things, the 75 kilo class of Greco-Roman wrestling and women's doubles badminton, and The Crown Prince also attended many of the performances by Danish athletes. On 13 August, The Crown Prince participated in the Danish Rio 2016 reception together with the athletes, coaches, and Olympics representatives.



On 2 August, The Crown Prince Couple, together with Prince Joachim, Princess Marie and Prince Nikolai, Prince Felix, Prince Henrik and Princess Athena, opened The Danish Pavilion on Ipanema Beach in Rio.

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On 3 August, The Crown Prince Couple, Prince Joachim and Princess Marie participated in a gala dinner on the Training Ship DANMARK, which was in Rio de Janeiro on the occasion of The Olympic Games.

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At various times, The Crown Prince Couple as well as Prince Joachim and Princess Marie were present at The Olympic Games 2016. On 2 August, The Crown Prince Couple, together with Prince Joachim, Princess Marie and TH Prince Nikolai, Prince Felix, Prince Henrik and Princess Athena, opened the Danish Pavilion on Ipanema Beach, which created a setting for a Danish promotional campaign focused on business, culture,

sport and tourism during the Olympic Games. On 3 August, The Crown Prince Couple, Prince Joachim and Princess Marie participated in a gala dinner on the Training Ship DANMARK and in the opening ceremony at the Olympic Stadium on 5 August. Also on 5 August, The Crown Prince Couple visited the Danish athletes in the Olympic Village.



The Crown Princess watched the Danish swimming team's training for the Olympics.

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The Crown Prince watched the 14 August Olympic Games final in wrestling and afterwards awarded medals.

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Prince Joachim and Princess Marie visited Brazil from 29 July-8 August and began the trip in São Paulo, where the Prince and the Princess took part in the 125th anniversary of the Scandinavian club Nordlyset and in the 70th anniversary of the Danish-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce.



On 21 August, Denmark won the final against France and thus became the Olympic champion in men's handball.

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On 14 October, The Queen held a reception at Christiansborg Palace for more than 200 Danish athletes, coaches and representatives of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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On 14 October, The Queen held a reception at Christiansborg Palace for the more than 200 Danish athletes, coaches and representatives involved in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Crown Princess, TRH Prince Christian and Princess Isabella, Prince Joachim, Princess Marie and Princess Benedikte also participated in the reception. The Crown Prince was unable to attend due to suffering an injury the previous evening.

SPORT AND HEALTH

In his role as patron, The Crown Prince attended the gala opening of the Arctic Winter Games 2016 in Nuuk, Greenland on 6 March. The Arctic Winter Games are a multi-sport and cultural event for young people from the Arctic regions with the goal of binding the Arctic countries together. On 30 March-3 April, The Crown Prince was back in Greenland to participate in the cross-country Arctic Circle Race, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2016.



From 6-8 December, The Crown Prince participated in a training tour with injured war veterans in Norway.

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When the School Olympics were held at Maribo Atletikstadion on 12 May, The Crown Prince was there and took part in the warm-up, among other things. The best classes in the nationwide athletic meet competed later on in the final meet at Østerbro Stadion in Copenhagen, where The Crown Prince presided over the opening on 7 June.



The Crown Prince took part in the warm-up at the School Olympic Games at Maribo Atletikstadion on 12 May.

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The Crown Prince opened the new Kolding Hospital on 24 November.

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On 24 November, The Crown Prince was in charge of the opening of the New Kolding Hospital, which is an annex of the newly renovated Kolding Hospital. The new building consists of a joint emergency reception area, main entrance, chapel, bed ward and a mother-child centre.

The Crown Princess, in her role as patron, presided over the opening of the European Emergency Medical Services (EMS2016) conference on 30 May at the Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center in Copenhagen. The objective of the conference was to improve care for emergency patients. As patron of the Danish Mental

Health Foundation, The Crown Princess participated in the celebration of the organisation's 20th anniversary on 10 October in Copenhagen. Later the same month, on 25 October, The Crown Princess was in charge of the official opening of the new emergency ward at Randers Regional Hospital. The first section of the new emergency reception area and ward opened in 2014. Thus, The Crown Princess opened the second and last section, which consists of a new injury ward, a trauma reception area and an emergency call response area.



The Crown Princess opened the new emergency ward at Randers Regional Hospital on 25 October.

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As patron of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, The Crown Princess took part in a number of meetings and events from 12-13 September in connection with the WHO's "66th session of the Regional Committee for Europe", which took place in Copenhagen. On 23-25 November, The Crown Princess travelled with WHO to Moldova to focus on regional health challenges.



The Crown Princess received an honorary doctorate at the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy during a visit to Moldova from 23-25 November.

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The Crown Princess took part in the “66th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe” from 12-13 September.

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In his role as patron, Prince Joachim took part in the Danish Asthma and Allergy Association’s observance of World Asthma Day on 3 May. Højbro Plads in Copenhagen was turned into an allergy-free garden where citizens had the opportunity to have their lung functions checked and become informed about asthma caused by pollen.

On 6 September, Princess Marie visited H.C. Andersen Children’s Hospital in Odense, where the Princess opened the hospital’s new multi-arena. On 18 September, Princess Marie, as patron of the Danish Ski Federation, started the Danish roller skiing championships, which took place in Holte.



Princess Marie on 6 September visited H.C. Andersen Children's Hospital in Odense.

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As patron of the Danish Sports Organisation for the Disabled (Parasport Danmark) and of the Danish Society for Cerebral Palsy (CP), Princess Benedikte on 29 July attended parts of the CP Football Competition arranged by Parasport Danmark and the Elsass Foundation. CP football is for players with physical handicaps and a lesser degree of spasticity. The football competition, which took place in Vejen, was a qualification tournament for the World Championship in Argentina in 2017. On 13 May, the Princess, in her role as patron, participated in the 15th anniversary celebration of the Danish Association Against Eating Disorders and Self-Harm in Copenhagen, and, on 17 May, the Princess was present at the "World Diabetes Foundation's breakfast meeting" at the Bella Center. On 31 October, Princess Benedikte opened Alzheimer Europe's 26th conference "Excellence in Dementia Research and Care" in Copenhagen. As patron of the Danish Alzheimer Association, Princess Benedikte was patron of the annual conference as well.

From 19-20 March, Princess Benedikte attended the national Danish Warmblood stallion selection and show

at Messecenter Herning.

HUMANITARIAN DUTIES

As patron of Lions Danmark, Prince Henrik presented the Lions Awards 2016 on 28 June aboard the Royal Yacht Dannebrog in Aarhus Harbour. The year's Lions Awards went to the Faroe Islands' children's home in Tórshavn and Forældreforeningen VI HAR MISTET ET BARN, which provides support for parents who have lost a child. On 27 October, The Prince, in his role as patron, participated in the Danish Red Cross National Conference in Nyborg.

On 25 June, The Crown Prince, in his role as patron, took part in a fishing trip with Save The Children's family adventure club at Furesø. Save The Children's family adventure clubs are run by volunteers and are aimed at helping families with limited networks to gain experiences and make new friends in their local area.



The Crown Prince took part in a fishing trip on 25 June with Save The Children's family adventure club in Furesø.
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The Crown Princess spoke on 4 February at the conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Humanitarian Crises at Christiansborg Palace. Likewise, sexual and reproductive health and rights were the focus of The Crown Princess's visit to Burkina Faso from 27-28 April. Together with minister of foreign affairs Kristian Jensen, The Crown Princess visited a Danish-supported health clinic and a Bourkinate village as well as politicians and organisations to focus on equality, maternal mortality and child marriages, among other issues. When the Danish All-Party Parliamentary Network on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights marked the network's 10th anniversary on 7 September at Christiansborg Palace, The Crown Princess participated as the guest of honour.

From 16-19 May, the Women Deliver Conference 2016 took place in Copenhagen. As patron of the conference, The Crown Princess presided over the official opening and delivered a speech. Princess Benedikte and HRH Crown Princess Mette-Marit of Norway also took part at the opening. During the

conference, The Crown Princess was involved in a number of events, including the Maternity Foundation's "Scaling Innovations to Save the Lives of Mothers and Babies" and the Young Leaders Program Youth Conference. On 17 May, The Crown Princess presented the ICRW Champions for Change Awards on behalf of the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). ICRW has the objective of, among other things, decreasing the inequality between the sexes. During the Women Deliver Conference, The Crown Prince Couple took part in an event arranged by the Sports Confederation of Denmark and The Olympic Committee and afterwards wrote on the "Women Deliver for Good Signing Wall".



The Crown Princess visited Burkina Faso from 27-28 April. The visit focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

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The Crown Princess together with young scholarship recipients during the Women Deliver Conference 2016.

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At the United Nations General Assembly in New York from 19-21 September, The Crown Princess participated in a number of events and meetings, and The Crown Princess also spoke at the Women Deliver reception "Celebrating Solutions. Keeping up momentum for girls & women". At an event on 19 September, The Crown Princess and minister of foreign affairs Kristian Jensen took part in the launch of the international campaign "Deliver for Good", which is an offshoot of the Women Deliver conference. In connection with this, The Crown Princess said: *"I look forward to supporting the new Deliver for Good campaign, which focuses on 12 central investments in the health and rights of girls and women. It is an important campaign, which follows up on the Women Deliver conference in Copenhagen."*

As patron of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), The Crown Princess also participated in the launch of the "State of World Population Report 2016" at Søndre Skole in Rødby on 28 October. The annual report about current, theme-based population problematics focused this time on the conditions for 10-year-old girls all over the world.

As the patron of DanChurchAid, Princess Marie on 22 February presided over the official opening of WeFood in Copenhagen, which is Denmark's first shop offering surplus food. The goods cannot be sold in regular supermarkets because they are either close to their expiration date, wrongly marked or have damaged packaging. On 29 February, The Princess took part in DanChurchAid's Parish Collection and, in this connection, visited the social enterprise "Send flere krydderier" at Nørrebro in Copenhagen. There, the Princess helped three women – from Morocco, Somalia and Pakistan, respectively – prepare soup, which later in the day was sold to benefit the world's poorest women. From 29 October-5 November, Princess Marie was on a visit with DanChurchAid to Myanmar to put focus on the fight against poverty. The Princess visited, among other places, a number of villages by Inle Lake and projects which support the local people.



On 29 February, Princess Marie visited the social enterprise "Send flere krydderier" at Nørrebro in Copenhagen.

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From 29 October-5 November, Princess Marie visited Myanmar with DanChurchAid to put a focus on the fight against poverty.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

On 7 July, The Queen, in her role as patron, participated in the opening of the FDF National Camp, which was held in the nature and camping area Sletten by Himmelbjerget and the Silkeborg lakes. The National Camp, which takes place every fifth year, hosted approximately 11,000 members from Denmark and overseas during the days of 7-15 July.



On Thursday, 7 July, The Queen was present at the opening of the FDF National Camp, which is held in the nature and camping area Sletten by Himmelbjerget and the Silkeborg lakes.

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The Crown Princess launched The Mary Foundation's anti-bullying programme "Free of Bullying" for day nurseries and private home day-care providers on 24 May. The launch was marked by a visit in the Municipality of Vallensbæk at the integrated day-care centre Stien and the day nursery Sydstjernen. From 29-31 August, The Crown Princess visited Greenland in connection with The Mary Foundation's conference "Domestic violence - a shared responsibility", which aimed at focusing attention on violence in the home and strengthening the cross-disciplinary cooperation.



The Crown Princess launched “Free of Bullying” for day nurseries and private home day-care providers on 24 May.

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On 15 March, The Crown Princess participated in working meetings at Mødrehjælpen in Odense and Krisecenter Odense to speak with abused women who have received help and support through “Advice for Life”.

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As chairman of The Mary Foundation, The Crown Princess took part in a number of other events during the year. Among these were “Værket”, a networking group for lonely adults backed by The Mary Foundation and the Red Cross, in Slagelse on 1 February, and, on 25 April, “Denmark Eating Together” (Danmark Spiser Sammen), which was arranged by Folkebevægelsen mod Ensomhed (People’s movement against loneliness). This event took place at Nørrebrohallen in Copenhagen with more than 400 participants. On 8 May, The Crown Princess participated in The Mary Foundation’s “Kærlig Talt” (“Truly and Lovely Put”) conference, which was targeted at teachers. The conference focused on relations, conflict handling and communication in public schools. On 5 October, The Crown Princess visited Roskilde Technical College in connection with The Mary Foundation’s “Netverk” event. Netverk is aimed at creating unity in classes and, in that way, preventing loneliness.

On 18 November, The Crown Princess, in her role as patron, was in charge of the official opening of Mødrehjælpen’s new house in Copenhagen, where the social humanitarian group has obtained space to provide even more help to mothers in need, meeting the increasing number of requests.

As patron of Autism Denmark, Princess Marie opened the conference “What I do is who I am” at Messecenter Herning on 15 January. From 1-3 March, the Princess visited the Faroe Islands together with Autism Denmark on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the organisation’s Faroese group. The anniversary was marked with a research conference and a reception. The Princess also visited Tórshavn Gymnasium, which has set up a special line of courses for students with autism.

As chairman, Princess Benedikte held meetings of the Joint Committee of Girl Guides in Denmark on 16 March, 6 June and 6 September, and one meeting of the Girl Guide Committee on 3 October. In addition to that, the Princess took part in the Girl Guide Committee’s visit to Ungdomsøen (Youth Island) on 19 May. As patron of The Olave Baden-Powell Society, Princess Benedikte participated in the organisation’s board meeting and annual members’ meeting in Pune, India from 12-16 November. The Olave Baden-Powell Society supports the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), which is a global volunteer association for girl guides. Besides the board meetings, the Princess took part in receptions and lectures about the association’s activities, and the Princess visited local girl guides and partners. On the last evening of the visit, the Princess participated in a gala dinner and presented the “Princess Benedikte Award”.



Princess Benedikte held a meeting of the Joint Committee of Girl Guides in Denmark on 6 September.

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As patron of The Olave Baden-Powell Society, Princess Benedikte participated in the organization’s board meeting and annual members’ meeting in Pune, India from 12-16 November.

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THE DEFENCE

The Queen held a Medal Dinner on 29 January for Navy officers at Fredensborg Palace. “The medal for good service in the Navy” was established by Christian VII on 29 January 1801, the King’s own birthday, and since then the medal has been awarded every year on 29 January. Later on, Christian X established the

Army medal in 1945 and Frederik IX established the Air Force medal in 1953. The Queen hosts the Medal Dinner each year, alternating among the three branches of the Defence, and those invited to the dinner in 2016 were officers of admiral and captain rank who have received the medal for good service in the Navy. The Crown Prince Couple also participated in the year's Medal Dinner.

For the first time since 1951, the Defence has established a new service branch called the "Intelligence Service". To mark this, The Queen presented a standard to the Army's Intelligence Centre in Varde on 5 April. The Queen delivered a speech and hammered the Royal Nail in the standard, after which The Queen presented the standard to the chief of the Army Intelligence Centre, Colonel Birger Mejlholm.

At the conclusion of the Home Guard's National Training Exercise in Fredericia on 5 June, The Queen inspected the Home Guard's parade. The Crown Princess, who is a first lieutenant in the Home Guard, participated in the national training exercise from 4-5 June and thus took part in the parade. The objective of the national training exercise was to show the Home Guard's breadth as a military organisation, and more than 5000 members took part. Afterwards, The Queen held a reception on the Royal Yacht Dannebrog in Kastelshavnen in Fredericia.



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The conclusion of the Home Guard's National Training Exercise was marked with a parade, which The Queen inspected on 5 June.

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The Crown Prince Couple took part in the commemoration of the Flag Day for Danes serving officially in other countries on 5 September. First, the Crown Prince Couple participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the monument at the Citadel in Copenhagen, and the Crown Prince Couple attended the parade at Christiansborg Palace Square afterwards.

As patron, The Crown Prince participated in the spring celebration held by the Association of Danish Naval Officers on 9 April at Søkvæsthuset in Copenhagen. Later in the year, on 9 December, The Crown Prince took part in a reception which marked the Association of Danish Naval Officers' move from Søkvæsthuset to the group's new domicile in Kommandantgården (the Commandant's Courtyard) at the Citadel in Copenhagen. The Crown Prince opened the special exhibition "The Frogman Corps" at the Nyboder Museum on 31 May. The exhibition provided insight into the Frogman Corps' establishment, training and work as a special unit of the Defence.

On 27 April, The Crown Prince visited the Danish forces at Al Asad Air Base in western Iraq. All of the Danish units at the base were visited by The Crown Prince, who thus had the opportunity to speak with quite a number of Danish soldiers. On 22-23 September, The Crown Prince visited the Danish forces and police officers sent out as part of the UN-led mission MINUSMA in Mali. The objective of the mission is, among other things, to assist in creating stability in Mali and protect the civilian population. During the visit, The Crown Prince had the opportunity to greet and follow the Danish soldiers and police officers in both the capital Bamako and the town Gao.



On 27 April, The Crown Prince visited the Danish forces at Al Asad Air Base in western Iraq.

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On 27 April, Prince Joachim presented medals on the 96th anniversary day of the Reserve Forces Association of Denmark at the Southern Depot at the Citadel in Copenhagen. The medal is given to persons who have made a special effort in behalf of the Reserve. On 1 July, Prince Joachim took part in the appointment of language officers at the Royal Danish Defence College at the Svanemøllen Barracks in Copenhagen.

From 29 August-2 September and 19-23 September, Prince Joachim participated in the Defence Chief's Security Policy Course. At the course, the Prince gained insight into, among other things, the Naval Home Guard's work with sea rescue and attended a demonstration of the Naval Home Guard's work vessels and containment booms used for restraining oil spills. As the defence chief's special advisor, Prince Joachim participated in a discussion meeting about the future of the Defence's reserve forces on 16 September at Holckenhavn Castle near Nyborg. At the meeting, the Prince made a presentation about the Defence's

connection to the society and the need for support from civilian employers.

As patron of Danmarks Veteraner, Prince Joachim participated in the observance of the UN Day on 24 October at the Monument to Denmark's International Effort since 1948 at the Citadel in Copenhagen. At the ceremony, Prince Joachim laid a wreath and took part in a reception with Danmarks Veteraner afterwards.



Prince Joachim, in his role as patron, took part in Danmarks Veteraner's observance of UN Day at The Citadel in Copenhagen on 24 October.

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Princess Marie visited The Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) on 1 April.

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Princess Marie visited the Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) on 1 April in her capacity as an honorary first lieutenant in the Danish Emergency Management Agency. The Danish Emergency Management Agency uses DMI's alerts and forecasts as the basis for the emergency preparedness level and in the resolution of operational tasks. During the visit, the Princess was shown around and was also introduced to the duties of the officer of the watch. On 26 May, Princess Marie took part in the Danish Emergency Management Agency's training seminar on crisis management, where the Princess spoke about the importance of preparing oneself for crises. At the seminar in Odense, a number of researchers and practitioners participated and presented various perspectives on crisis management and training activities.

By virtue of Princess Marie's collaboration with the Danish Emergency Management Agency, the Princess participated in the agency's fire prevention event at Tjørnegårdsskolen in Roskilde on 3 October. The Princess visited the school's 0 and 1 classes and, together with the students, participated in a 1-1-2 exercise dealing with how to contact the fire alarm call centre. In addition to that, the Princess witnessed a demonstration of how to extinguish fires. The event kicked off the Danish Emergency Management Agency's nationwide Fire Prevention Week.

On 7 October, Princess Marie participated in a memorial ceremony for fallen fire and rescue personnel at Holmen Church in Copenhagen, where Den Danske Redningsberedskabspris was also awarded.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

On 20 April, The Queen presented the newly-established “Queen Margrethe II’s Science Award” to Professor Jens-Christian Svenning from Aarhus University for his research in geographical ecology. The award is given to a researcher under the age of 50, and with the award comes 100,000 DKK. The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters established the award on The Queen’s 75th birthday on 16 April 2015. The Queen is patron of The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, which has the objective of strengthening the position of science in Denmark.

The Queen was present when Det Danske Hedeselskab marked its 150th jubilee on 25 April in Viborg. When the group was established, it was aimed at helping moorland farmers turn the moors into productive farm land. Today, the Hedeselskab works for green innovation and with the development of solutions for climate adaptation and nature preservation.

Every year on World Arthritis Day on 12 October, the Queen Ingrid Research Prize is awarded. In 2016, The Queen awarded the prize to professor and M.D. Lars Arendt-Nielsen, Aalborg University. The research prize is given to a researcher who through his or her scientific work helps to create better possibilities for the prevention and treatment of arthritis.



The Queen awarded the Queen Ingrid Research Prize 2016 on 12 October to professor and M.D. Lars Arendt-Nielsen.

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On 19 May, Prince Henrik participated in the opening of the new kindergarten classes at Prince Henrik's School.

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The Queen and Princess Marie participated in the University of Southern Denmark's annual celebration on 28 October. At the celebration, which marked the university's 50th jubilee, The Queen and Princess Marie attended the naming of six honorary doctors, the presentation of teaching awards to one teacher from each of the university's five faculties and the presentation of the research communication award. On 18 November, The Queen was also present at the University of Copenhagen's annual celebration.

In connection with the 10th anniversary of the Galathea 3 expedition, The Royal Danish Geographical Society held a conference on 14 December about the research achievements the expedition has contributed to so far. The Queen and The Crown Prince were present at the anniversary conference.

Prince Henrik received the Danish Section of Lycée International de Saint-Germain-en-Laye at Fredensborg Palace on 4 April. The objective of the section is to give Danish and Danish-French children and young people in France the opportunity to acquire and improve Danish language skills and to sharpen their interest in Danish culture. The Prince also took part in the opening of the new kindergarten classes at Prins Henriks Skole on 19 May. The school is a French-Danish school in Copenhagen which offers teaching at all class levels from the maternal school (age 3) up to and including the examination for completing general education.



The Crown Prince sailed with the environmental organisation Plastic Change to test the sea on 8 June.
PHOTO: THE ROYAL HOUSE ©

On 29 April, The Crown Prince participated in the Technical University of Denmark's annual celebration.

The Crown Prince sailed with the Danish environmental organisation Plastic Change to take sea samples in Oresund on 8 June. Plastic Change works with research, communication and information about plastic pollution in the sea and the environment. The sailing tour was part of Expedition Plastic, which examines seawater for plastic contamination. Afterwards, the results go into a global database.

The following day, The Crown Prince presided over the presentation of the ELFORSK Award, which was given out in connection with the Energy Summit 2016. On 1 July, The Crown Prince presented The Brain Prize 2016, which was given to three British researchers for their research on memory. The Brain Prize is awarded by the charitable foundation "Fonden for Grete Lundbecks Europæiske Hjerneforskningspris" and goes to one or more researchers who have distinguished themselves in the field of European brain research.

With the prize comes 1 million Euros.

On 11 January, The Crown Princess presided over the presentation of the Danish Heart Foundation's research grants. The grant awards in 2016 focused on children who are related to sick parents or siblings and the negative consequences the illness can have on a child's development and well-being. Prior to the grant presentation, The Crown Princess met with a group of children with congenital heart defects and their families.

On 25 April, The Crown Princess took part in the official opening of the Danish Science Festival 2016, where The Crown Princess awarded the Research Communication Prize 2016.

On 19 August, The Crown Princess led the official opening of Frederiksbjerg Skole in Aarhus. After the opening, The Crown Princess was shown around the new school and, among other things, visited the Tiger class, where the students spoke about comradeship. The Crown Princess was in charge of the opening of Aabybro's new school on 15 September.



The Crown Princess took part in the official opening of The Danish Science Festival 2016 on 25 April and awarded the Research Communication Prize 2016.

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On 15 September, The Crown Princess opened the new Aabybro Skole.

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Prince Joachim opened the expanded and modernised MARTEC in Frederikshavn on 11 March. MARTEC is an educational institution which offers training to the technical and maritime sectors. In addition to that, MARTEC also handles the operation of the Training Ship DANMARK. On 26 April, the Prince participated in the final for Unge Forskere 2016. Unge Forskere (Young Scientists) is a talent competition for children and young people from 6 to 21 years old in which the participants work with natural science projects in the areas of life science, physical science and technology. Prince Joachim is the patron of Unge Forskere.

On 13 June, the Prince took part in the presentation of eco-cars at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). The eco-cars are a product of the student-run project "DTU Roadrunners". On 17 November, Prince Joachim participated in the opening of the Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Biosustainability in Lyngby, and, on 21 November, the Prince took part in the opening of the Unibio Group's facility for production of proteins in Kalundborg. The Unibio Group is a biotechnology company which primarily works with

fermentation technology and production of proteins. Unibio owns the rights to a special fermentation technology called “U-Loop technology”, which was developed in collaboration with DTU and is the result of more than 30 years of research.



Prince Joachim attended the 13 June presentation of the Technical University of Denmark’s eco-cars, “DTU Roadrunners”.

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Prince Joachim presided over the 21 November opening of the Unibio Group’s new factory in Kalundborg.

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Princess Marie presented the Danish Epilepsy Association’s research grants on 27 May. The Princess is the patron of the Danish Epilepsy Association, which works to improve the circumstances for Danes with epilepsy and their relatives.

On 6 September, Princess Marie took part in welcoming new international students at the University of Southern Denmark. Every year, the university accepts approximately 1000 international students. The Princess collaborates with the University of Southern Denmark to assist in strengthening knowledge of the university’s educational programmes, research and other work and to increase knowledge about the Southern Region of Denmark nationally as well as internationally.

The Princess was present on 14 November at the local final of the inventors’ competition Project Edison at Øster Farimagsgades Skole in Copenhagen, where students from the 6 and 7 classes had worked with developing ideas for new traffic solutions under the theme “Bedre og mere sikker trafik” (“Better and safer traffic”).



Princess Marie took part in welcoming the new international students at the University of Southern Denmark on 6 September.

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Princess Marie was present for the local final of Project Edison at Øster Farimagsgades Skole on 14 November.

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FOUNDATION AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS

For the 10th time, Danmarks Indsamling (Denmark's Collection) was held on 6 February. Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik's Foundation supported it with a contribution of 500,000 DKK and Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation contributed 250,000 DKK. The Crown Prince Couple were also present at the nationally televised charity show.



The Queen, Princess Benedikte and Queen Anne-Marie handed out Queen Ingrid's Honorary Grant at the Tivoli Concert Hall on 26 October.

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In 2016, Queen Margrethe's and Prince Henrik's Foundation distributed 3,567,500 DKK for cultural, scientific, social and humanitarian purposes, including 200,000 DKK to the Red Cross for the project "Food distribution to vulnerable and malnourished children in Malawi" and 200,000 DKK to Arnavaraq Jørgensen for the project "NAKUUSA" in Greenland. "NAKUUSA" was established in cooperation between the Government of Greenland and UNICEF Danmark and is aimed at increasing familiarity with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In March, Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation distributed 1,490,000 DKK in all for cultural, scientific, social and humanitarian purposes, including, among others, 200,000 DKK to the environmental organisation Plastic Change for a research expedition in the Pacific Ocean. In addition, the foundation supported the Danish Sports Organisation for the Disabled with 200,000 DKK for participation

in The Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Board meeting of Queen Margrethe's and Prince Henrik's Foundation.

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On 30 May, Prince Henrik handed out prizes from HRH Prince Henrik's Foundation at Fredensborg Palace.

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In 2016, The Nikolai and Felix Foundation distributed 380,000 DKK to 16 projects. The foundation gave out 165,000 DKK for social and humanitarian purposes, 125,000 DKK for cultural purposes and 90,000 DKK for educational and research purposes. Among other things, the foundation supported the group Children's Welfare (Børns Vilkår) with 25,000 DKK for an information campaign and also supported Ole Høiris' two-volume set of books titled "Reformationen - 1500-tallets kulturrevolution" ("The Reformation - The 15th Century Cultural Revolution") with 30,000 DKK.

On 30 May, Prince Henrik awarded prizes from HRH Prince Henrik's Foundation at Fredensborg Palace. The year's prizes, each of them 10,000 DKK, were awarded to the actress Molly Blixt Egelind, Thomas Salil Knudsen, who works for children and young people in need through an initiative called Charity Baren and the Rotary's work with youth, and the French-American pianist and composer Barton Bullock.

On 13 June, The Crown Prince awarded grants for the 23rd time from the Crown Prince Frederik Fund at Frederik VIII's Palace, Amalienborg. The year's grant recipients were Sara Rendtorff-Smith, Nicholas Allan Butts and Vilhelm Vig Nielsen, all of whom are studying at the Harvard Kennedy School - John F. Kennedy School of Government.

The Crown Prince Couple awarded the Crown Prince Couple's Prizes 2016 at Musikteatret Holstebro. The Crown Prince Couple's Social Prize was given to the Danish Centre for Research and Counseling for Grieving Children, Teens and Young Adults (Børn, Unge & Sorg), while the Crown Prince Couple's Culture

Prize was awarded to the film director and scriptwriter Tobias Lindholm. The Crown Prince Couple's Stardust Prizes were awarded to musician and harmonica player Mathias Heise and the design company Johansen Skovsted Arkitekter.



In connection with the 12.00 changing of the guard on The Queen's birthday on 16 April, The Queen and the royal family appeared on the balconies at Christian IX's Palace.

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A special task

At the celebratory church service in connection with the reopening of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, a new antependium was unveiled. The artist behind the red altar cloth, in which the “Luther Rose” is the central motif, is HM The Queen, and before the unveiling there were two years of work.

With needle and thread, The Queen has crafted a new antependium for the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The antependium was created with the embroidery technique petit point, in which fine details appear diagonally by means of half cross-stitching.

“I sew diagonally all of the time – that provides the nicest background. It becomes like a surface. It was

something my mother taught me,” The Queen told the daily newspaper Politiken in an interview done in connection with the unveiling of the new antependium.



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By request from the Castle Church in Wittenberg The Queen had agreed to undertake the construction of an antependium to the Castle Church in connection with its reopening, which has taken place to mark that, in 2017, it has been 500 years since the reformer Martin Luther nailed 95 theses up on the church's door. That was the beginning of The Reformation, which reshaped large parts of Northern Europe, both religiously and politically. Denmark officially affiliated itself with The Reformation in October 1536 and, with this, the Danish church became Lutheran.

The luther rose

From now on, the antependium will be used during Christmas, Whitsuntide and special events at the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

As the recurring motif, The Queen has chosen the Luther rose, which was created by Martin Luther in his time.

In *Kristeligt Dagblad*, The Queen put the ideas behind the design of the antependium into words: *“I thought it was very obvious to use the Luther Rose as the central motif. The Luther Rose is mounted over the door of the house where he lived in Wittenberg. It is the white rose with five petals, which is typical of the stylized rose of The Middle Ages, and in the middle is a black cross on a red heart. The rose is very central*

in Christian symbolism.”

The Queen has used more than 500 hours filling in the altar cloth with the “small stitches”.



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The living connection

The Castle Church in Wittenberg was reopened after the restoration on 2 October 2016. At the celebratory church service the same day, the new antependium was unveiled with the participation of, among others, The Queen. The red cloth with the flames and the Luther rose in the middle formed the backdrop when The Queen, shortly after the unveiling, spoke in the historic Castle Church:

“We have, in Denmark and in the Danish church, reason to be thankful for the Reformation period’s close connections between Wittenberg and Denmark. I am glad that this connection is also alive today.”

In 2017, this connection is marked by the Reformation Jubilee, for which The Queen serves as patron.



When Dannebrog comes alongside

The Royal Yacht Dannebrog logged thousands of sea miles in the summer of 2016, when HM The Queen visited and the Lolland, Varde, Odsherred, Favrskov and Langeland municipalities.

It was one of those September mornings when the wind was still and the temperature had crawled up above 20 degrees. From the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, The Queen waved back to the people who had lined up on the Langeland bridge or along the coastline. Followed by a tail of small boats in the South Funen Archipelago, the Dannebrog was on its way into the harbour in Rudkøbing. Here, the year's last visit would begin in a few moments.

During the visit in the Municipality of Langeland, The Queen visited, among other places, the Langelandsfort Cold War Museum and, in the operations bunker, was shown a plot map of the Baltic Sea. On the second day, The Queen visited the islanders on Strynø.

An old tradition

The Royal Yacht Dannebrog was built during the years 1931-1932 and serves to this day as the official and private residence for The Queen during summer cruises in Denmark or on official overseas visits. The tradition of summer cruises is carried on from King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid, who in the same manner visited Danish towns and regions on the Royal Yacht.

In the fall of 2016, the book “Kongeskibet Dannebrog” was published including pictures from life aboard ship. In the foreword, The Queen articulates the special delight the Royal Yacht gives rise to when it sails or comes alongside the quay:

“A ship such as Dannebrog stirs up memories for everyone who has been on board and among the many who wave to us along the coastlines and from other ships on the sea. It is clear that Dannebrog is special not only to us, but also to many Danes.”

The Royal Yacht plays an important role in the visibility of the monarchy across the country when it goes alongside the quay in numerous Danish port towns, where it is possible for the monarch and the royal family to have direct contact with the local population.



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From Lolland farming to the Faroes

Upon sailing into Rudkøbing on the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, The Queen was met by thousands of townspeople with flags in their hands and music at the harbour.

Ahead lay visits to four other municipalities in June. The first took The Queen to the Municipality of Lolland, where The Queen stopped by the organically-operated manor Knuthenlund. Here, The Queen saw their black-and-white Danish-breed pigs and was shown how to grind flour on wooden mills.

In Municipality of Varde on the second day, The Queen saw the plans for the German refugee cemetery and the future refugee museum in Oksbøl.

During the year's second summer cruise in September, The Queen went to the municipalities of Odsherred, Favrskov and Langeland. Here, The Queen visited, among other places, the nursing home Bobjergcentret, which operates on the "Eden Alternative Philosophy", Favrskov Gymnasium and the nursery Knud Jepsen, which is the world's largest producer of the plant kalanchoe, also known as "burning love".



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In 2016, The Queen also used the Royal Yacht Dannebrog in connection with the visit to the Faroe Islands, where a wide-ranging programme included the distinctive nature and culture of the Faroes. The Dannebrog first dropped anchor at the island Suduroy, which is the southernmost island of the Faroes. Afterwards, the tour went on to Tórshavn, where The Queen was greeted at the quay, before sailing on to the fifth largest island, Sandoy.

The Royal Yacht has visited the Faroe Islands and Greenland several times, and as The Queen writes in her foreword to the book "Dannebrog":

"Even though the view always changes, from small Danish islands and harbours to a look at icebergs in a Greenlandic fjord or past a green rocky coastline in the Faroes, Dannebrog has always been like a home for me."

Summer cruises

The summer cruises come together in close cooperation between the organisers, which are the State Administration, the municipalities visited and the Royal House. After an invitation is received from a

municipality, the planning gets underway. It involves the Captain of the Royal Yacht, who plans the sailing route, and the municipality to be visited as well as the State Administration, which plans the programme in cooperation with the Royal House.



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With art in focus

After more than 40 years of work for Denmark and Danish interests, HRH Prince Henrik retired in 2016. At the same time, The Prince got more time to devote himself to his passion for art, literature and music.

Marble, bronze, chamotte and silver were among the materials in Prince Henrik's new sculpture "Abstract Torso", which was presented and added to Aalborg Congress & Culture Centre's art collection in November 2016. The work was The Prince's third sculpture unveiled to the public in 2016. In July, The Prince unveiled the sculpture "Masculine Torso", which now stands beside the old castle water mill in Tønder, and, in May, The Queen and Prince Henrik, The Crown Prince, Prince Christian, Princess Isabella, Prince Joachim, Princess Marie and Prince Felix participated in the unveiling of the sculpture "The Hand with the Lyre" at The Royal Danish Theatre's "Stærekassen" in Copenhagen.



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In the autumn warmth of September in Mallorca, Prince Henrik opened the exhibition “Fabulous Dialogue”, in which sculptures and poems by The Prince are combined with paintings by the late COBRA artist Carl-Henning Pedersen. In addition, parts of The Prince’s African art collection are also included in the exhibition.

The events took place the same year that Prince Henrik scaled back his official duties and retired after 40 years of work in behalf of Denmark. Thus, The Prince has gotten more time to devote himself to his passion for art, literature and music. During 2016, The Prince continued to take care of the work of several of his patronages and participated in a number of connected activities.

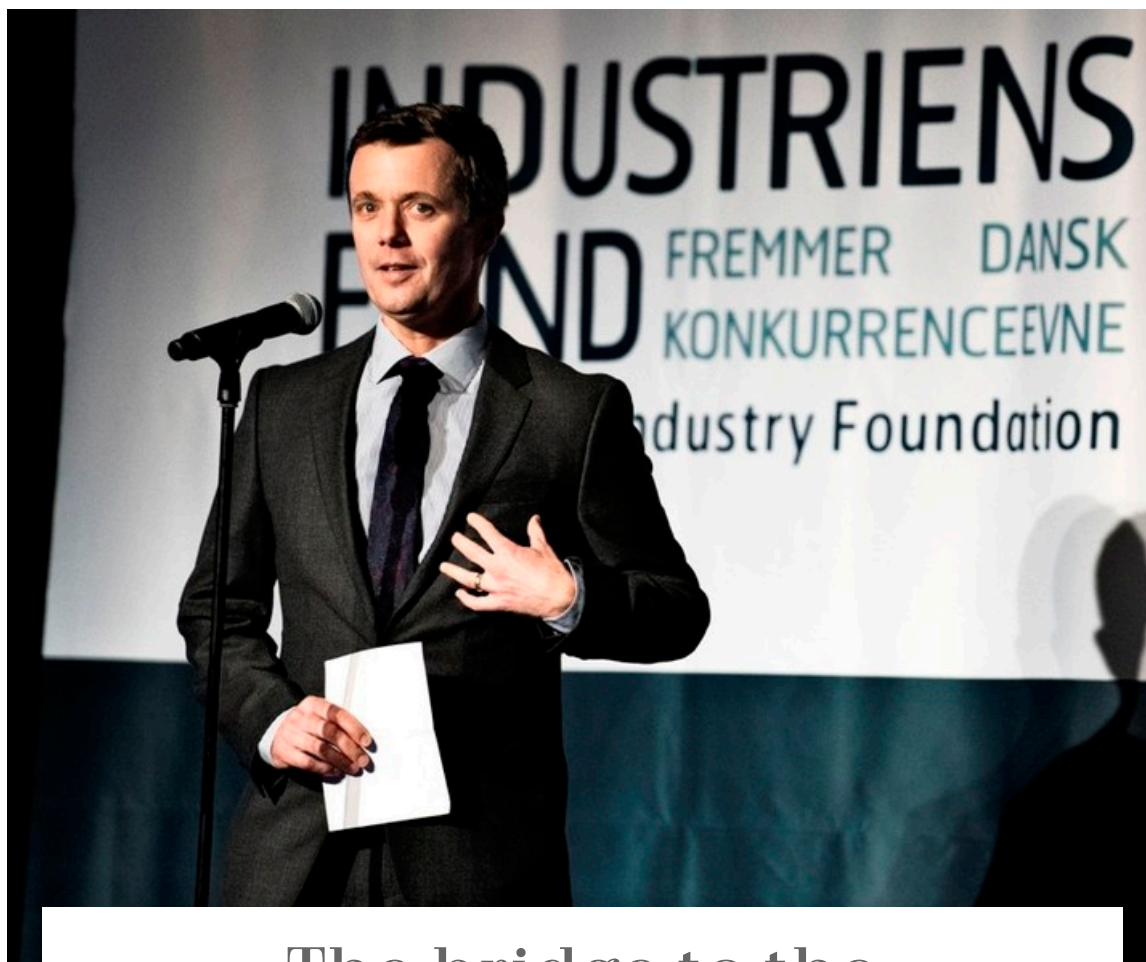
Henceforth, Prince Henrik will continue to take part in specific official events, just as he did with the tradition-bound New Year’s Banquet that took place on 1 January and with the state visit of the Mexican president and first lady in April 2016.



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The bridge to the business community

In 2016, HRH The Crown Prince met with Danish companies which are among the world's best in sustainable technology and honoured businesses which put Denmark on the world map.

With the Crown Prince Couple at the forefront of a business promotional campaign in the USA in September 2016, 60 Danish companies and 2 ministers participated. On the four-day visit to Washington, DC and Boston, HRH The Crown Prince focused on promoting Danish business interests, particularly in the clean-tech area and for the maritime trade.

In his speech at the opening of The Consultative Shipping Group's seminar, where the shipping

administrators from 18 countries including Denmark were gathered, The Crown Prince emphasized Denmark's visibility on the maritime world map:

“Danish maritime companies have drawn upon knowledge from generations of seafarers and used it to influence the global maritime world. Today, you can find Danish equipment on ships around the globe and our maritime industry has a significant 25% share of the total Danish exports.”

During the business promotional campaign, The Crown Prince also visited the event Clean Water Caucus, which demonstrated the sustainable water technologies of Danish companies to American decision-makers. In addition to that, The Crown Prince was on hand to promote Danish sustainable technologies to American companies at the event “Cities as Drivers for Sustainability” at the University of Boston and at a seminar on sustainability in Boston.

Honours for Danish researchers

Some months before, in connection with the Danish Energy Association's annual Energy Summit, The Crown Prince was present to honour Danish energy researchers.

“You all aspire to being some of the future successful Danish businesses. Thus, you inspire other new hopeful, talented and enterprising companies to do well,” said The Crown Prince in his speech. Afterwards, The Crown Prince awarded the ELFORSK Award 2016, which went to STEAMREG, which is a new and patent-pending technology which reduces the energy bill for dehumidification. Through the years, The Crown Prince has helped to generate focus on researchers and entrepreneurs. Previously, The Crown Prince has honoured entrepreneurs at the international competition for entrepreneurs from creative trades, the Creative Business Cup, in 2012 and 2014.



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Support for Danish entrepreneurs

Silicon Valley in California is described as an epicentre in the development of new technologies and growth-orientated business models, and in 2016 The Crown Prince became the patron of DenmarkBridge, which is a new organisation which will strengthen the bridge between Danish business communities and the development taking place in Silicon Valley.

The Crown Prince has helped support the bridge between the business community and Danish entrepreneurs over a number of years. Most recently in January, when The Danish Industry Foundation's Entrepreneur Award was handed out at the Danish Tech Challenge Award Show. Here, The Crown Prince gave the 500,000 DKK prize to the company Bifrost Communications, which has devised a method for increasing the transmission distance and the capacity of fibre-optic signals and networks.

In May, The Crown Prince will hand out another prize, the DenmarkBridge Award 2017, and in this connection, The Crown Prince says,

“I think it is important that the entrepreneurial spirit in Denmark is supported, regardless of whether it applies to high technology, software, design or something completely different. With the DenmarkBridge award, the companies that have been able to establish their names in Silicon Valley are honoured. That is a major achievement, and their presence helps to give Denmark a foothold in one of the most competitive business environments in the world. Their success shows that it can pay off to dream big and to work hard.”



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Patron of girls' and women's rights

The world's largest conference on women's equality was held in May 2016 in Copenhagen, where HRH The Crown Princess, as patron, helped to put focus on creating better lives for girls and women.

At the rostrum in the Bella Center in front of politicians, experts and opinion-shapers, The Crown Princess on 16 May 2016 opened the world conference Women Deliver:

“Women Deliver is all about collecting knowledge and experience from all over the world and creating an open culture of knowledge-sharing and challenging us to collaborate on our common goals across all sectors, societies, countries and regions – based on the recognition that only TOGETHER can we achieve

meaningful change, for good.”

With the goal of jointly bringing about changes, on the days of 16-19 May, there was exchange of ideas and discussion of strategies to ensure the rights of girls and women around the world. The Crown Princess took part in lectures, panel debates and side events together with more than 5000 participants at the conference.

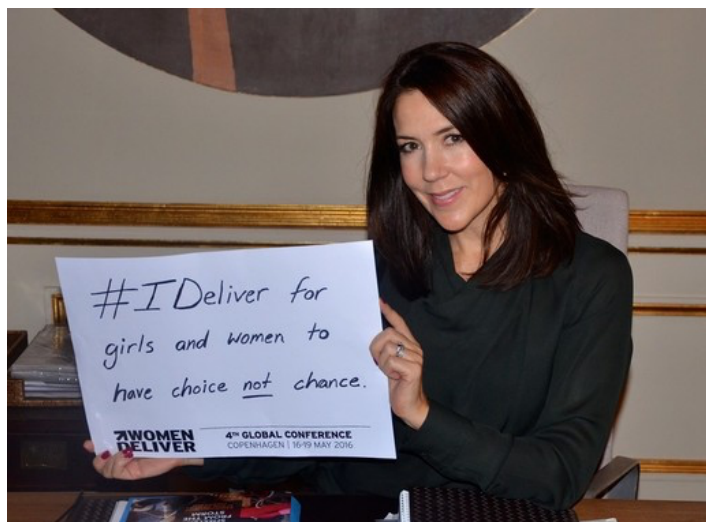


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A world of difference

In 2015, The Crown Princess said “yes” to being the patron of Women Deliver, and, up until the conference was held in Copenhagen, The Crown Princess was involved in a number of details concerning the planning. In this connection, The Crown Princess says the following:

“It was an intense and educational period up until the Women Deliver Conference. With the new SDGs, we had only just gotten a new joint global agenda, and the timing was therefore crucial for ensuring the health, rights and well-being of girls and women. And Women Deliver was an exceptional platform in the efforts to ensure that the implementation of the agenda becomes as effective and widespread as possible. It's only through cooperation that this can succeed, and it was precisely Women Deliver's ambition to gather all of the important actors around the common agenda so that it will have meaning for girls and women in all parts of the world – which means a better world for us all.”

Some of the final preparations took place a month before the conference, when The Crown Princess got the

opportunity to meet some of the girls and women who experience sexual and rights violations. This occurred in the West African country Burkina Faso, where The Crown Princess, along with foreign minister Kristian Jensen, among other things visited a Danish-supported health clinic and spoke with politicians and organisations about maternal mortality, child marriages and other problems for the country's girls and women.

“Burkina Faso is one of the world’s poorest countries and one of the countries with the greatest inequality between the sexes. Equal rights are protected under the country’s constitution and other laws, but the reality is otherwise; circumcision of girls, forced marriages, maternal mortality and violence against girls and women are widespread. It’s a long way from laws to real change at the local level. Transformation requires a holistic, respectful and sustained effort, which must take place at all levels of society. During my visit, from the civil society, the government and the private sector, I met up with a strong will to and a wish for creating real change and progress for Burkina Faso and its people, in cooperation with international partners,” says The Crown Princess.



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The work continues

The conference in Copenhagen concluded after four days, during which The Crown Princess participated in 23 programme items and held discussions with a wide circle of experts and actors. The work continues, and, at the UN's general assembly in New York City half a year later, The Crown Princess helped launch a new international campaign for the health and rights of girls and women. That took place at a reception, where The Crown Princess said:

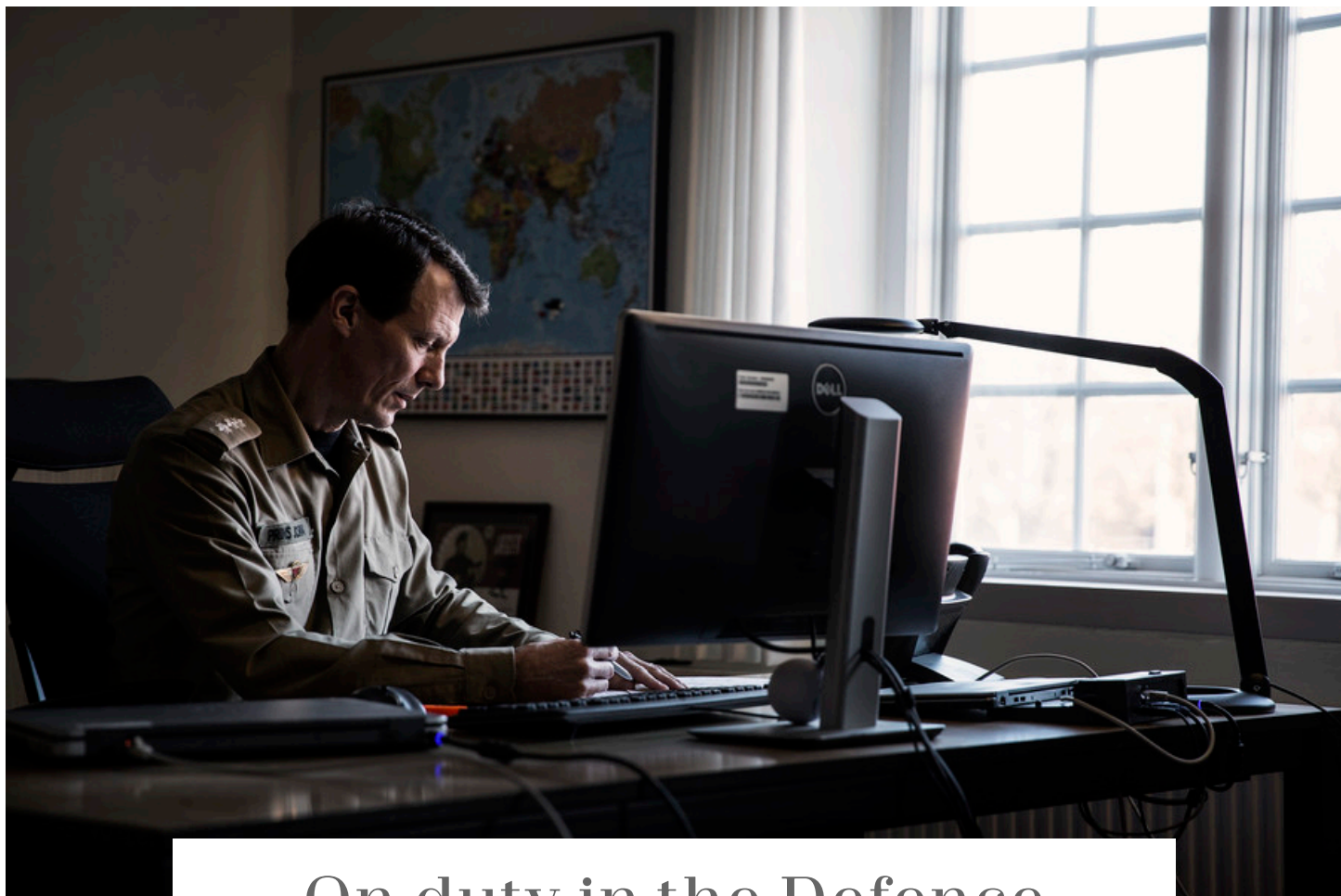
"I look forward to supporting the new Deliver for Good campaign, which focuses on 12 central investments in the health and rights of girls and women. It is an important campaign, which follows up on the Women Deliver conference in Copenhagen."



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On duty in the Defence

For more than a year, HRH Prince Joachim has worked in the Defence in a position as the Defence Chief's special advisor. The work is aimed at, among other things, strengthening the use of the volunteers and the reserve force in the Defence and the Home Guard

In the Great Hall at Holckenhavn Castle in Nyborg, during a discussion meeting for employer organisations, companies and representatives from the Defence's and the Home Guard's authorities in the fall of 2016, Prince Joachim was given the floor:

"When a soldier in the reserve force leaves the civil workplace and dons the green or light blue or dark blue

uniform, it is to carry out a duty for the society – and the employer who lets him off thus has a share in that.”

The Prince was invited by the Defence Chief and InterForce to give a presentation on the reserve force’s future. It is a topic which Prince Joachim has worked with since November 2015, when the Prince then took a position in the Defence as a special advisor with the main task of implementing a new total force concept. That is, the use of all available resources among the Defence’s employees, the reserve force and the Home Guard’s volunteers.



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Focus on the reserve force

From his office at the Citadel in Copenhagen, Prince Joachim is part of a team from the Defence and the Home Guard which works on rethinking the cooperation between the society and the business community.

Prince Joachim is now a colonel of the Army reserve and began his military career in 1987 as a recruit in The Queen’s Own Regiment. Afterwards, the Prince served as platoon commander of a tank squadron in The Prince’s Own Regiment before later becoming the commander of a tank squadron in the mobilization force in the same regiment. Most recently, the Prince, as lieutenant-colonel of the reserve force in the Home Guard, served as commander of a connection group.

The Prince uses his experience from the Defence and the Home Guard – and his network – in the work on making more use of the reserve force, which consists of the reserve force in the Defence, the Home Guard and the volunteers in the Home Guard, that is, those that are not permanently employed, but that stands

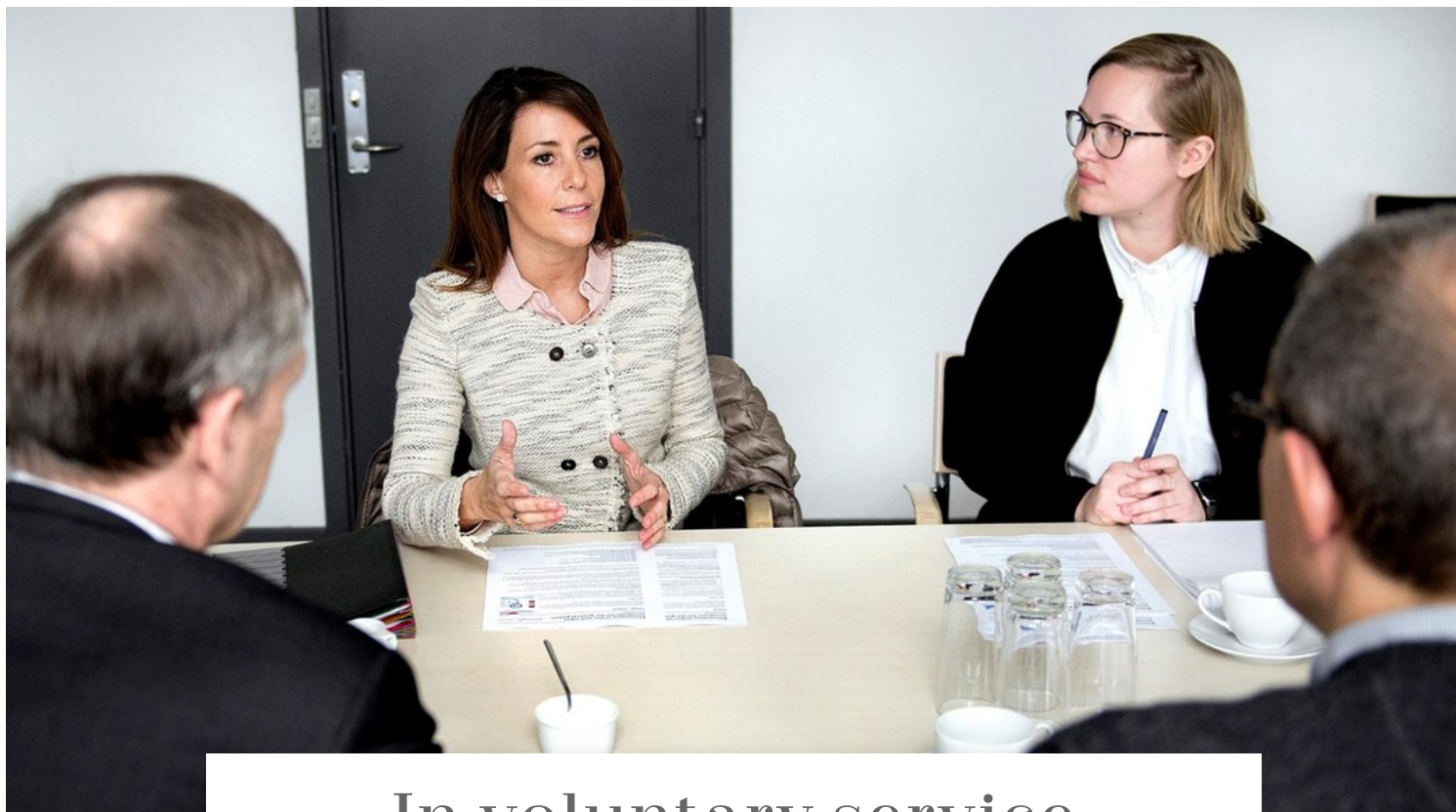
available for service. In the article in Børsen, Prince Joachim explains the potential for society of making use of the civil workforce:

“He (the employer) must see that, by loaning out his man, who obviously is paid by the Defence in the meantime, he gets an even stronger capacity back. I must have the cogwheels fit together,” says the Prince.

The work as a special advisor in the Defence is adapted to Prince Joachim’s other duties as a member of the royal family. The Prince is not paid for his work.



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In voluntary service

In June 2016, HRH Princess Marie was attached to the Danish Emergency Management Agency as a special project staff member, and the Princess's task lies in strengthening the robustness of individual citizens in disaster situations.

With hurricane-strength wind gusts, the storm Urd caused flooding and damage in several regions of the country during the Christmas period. The damages were especially big in Jyllinge Nordmark near Roskilde, where, on 27 December 2016, Princess Marie visited the more than a hundred emergency response personnel from the local firefighting service and the Danish Emergency Management Agency. They had worked to dam up the floods for several hours.

"I must say that it is impressive with so many fantastic people who just turn up and help. That is the Denmark I am proud of," said the Princess during the visit. The Princess's commitment is unpaid.



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Strengthening of the individual citizen

It is particularly the individual citizen's involvement in disaster situations that is the focal point of Princess Marie's work for the Danish Emergency Management Agency as a special project staff member. In June 2016, The Princess took on the task of helping to develop a new effort in which the goal is to strengthen the local networks and the individual citizen so that they are capable of handling and preventing disasters.

During the past six years, the Princess has gained a deeper knowledge of the Danish Emergency Management Agency's handling of duties through her work at the agency and through meetings with partners. In 2011, Princess Marie went through emergency preparedness training in operational tasks and, on this occasion, was appointed Honorary First Lieutenant.

"My affiliation with the Danish Emergency Management Agency has taught me that each individual citizen plays an important role and can contribute to minimising the damages and possible catastrophes. Good communication and good cooperation between the various actors and the citizens are therefore very crucial," says the Princess.

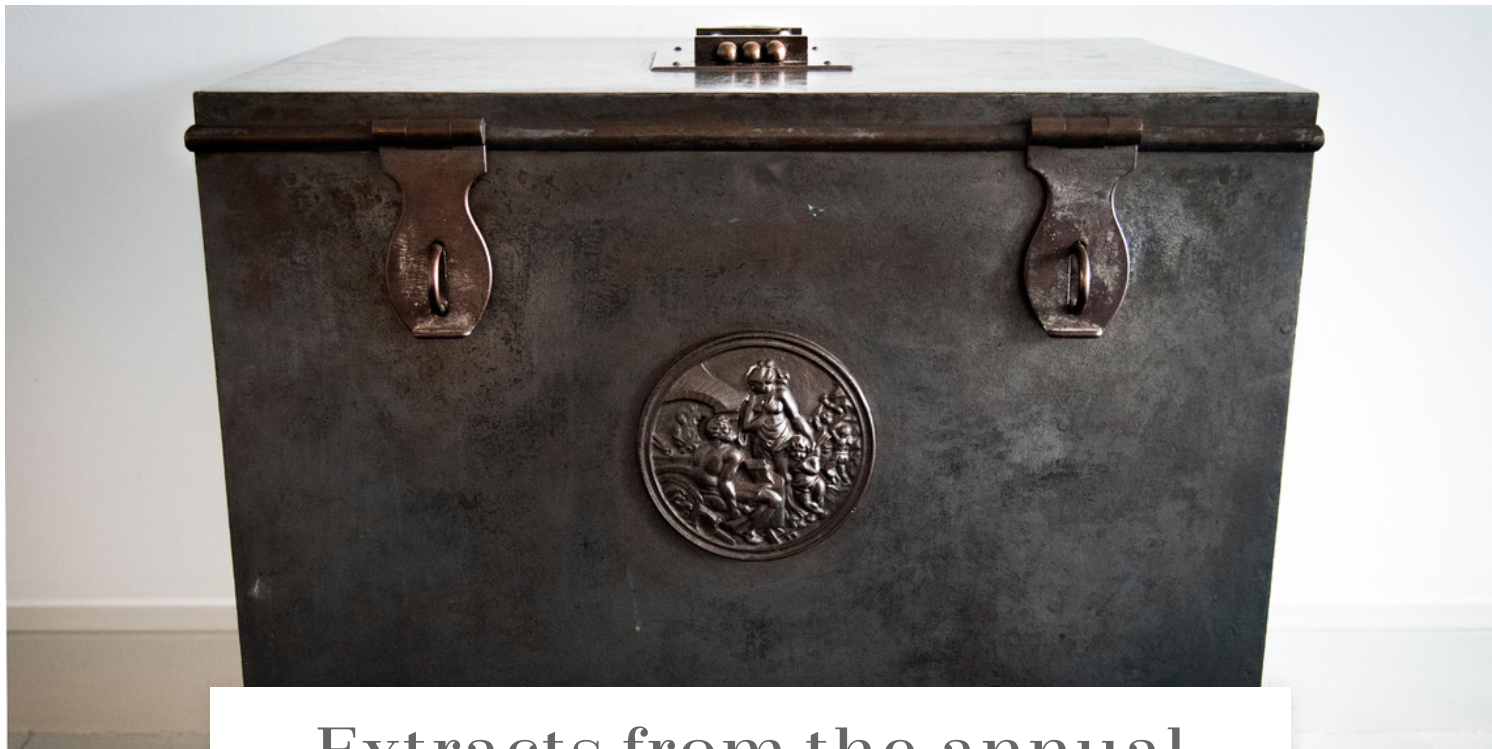
The attachment as a special project staff member has the status of voluntary service and takes place in parallel with the Princess's other duties, collaborations and patronages as a member of the royal family.



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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 accounting firm Deloitte.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT

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 Prince Henrik, 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 Prince Henrik and the expenses of Princess Benedikte incurred in carrying out official engagements.

Total VAT rebate for 2016: 7,484,030 DKK.

THE CIVIL LIST

The Civil List

Extract from financial statements

	2016 DKK	2015 DKK'000
INCOME STATEMENT		

INCOME

Parliamentary allowance	79,066,882	78,413
Other income	2,302,761	2,488
	81,369,643	80,901

EXPENDITURE

Staff costs	50,271,765	49,365
Court expenses	8,242,387	11,667
Administration expenses	5,452,310	4,799
Property expenses	5,406,412	7,299
Depreciations	1,491,895	1,693
The Queen and Prince Henrik's expenditure cap	10,298,461	10,213
	81,163,230	85,036

Net income before financial income and expenditure	206,413	-4,135
Financial income and expenses	298,877	-49
Net income for the year	505,290	-4,183

BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December

	2016 DKK	2015 DKK'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets	6,234,835	7,726
Current assets	24,763,914	25,522
Total assets	30,998,749	33,248
RESERVE AND LIABILITIES		
Reserve at 31 December	16,747,572	16,242
Current liabilities	14,251,177	17,006
Total reserve and liabilities	33,998,749	33,248

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 2016: 1,595,947 DKK

THE PARLIAMENTARY ANNUITY

The Parliamentary Annuity

Extract from financial statements

	2016 DKK	2015 DKK'000
INCOME STATEMENT		
INCOME		
Parliamentary allowance	19,462,031	19,301
Other income	0	1
	19,462,031	19,302
EXPENDITURE		
Staff costs	11,524,901	10,929
Court expenses	2,021,792	2,195
Administration expenses	271,425	284
Property expenses	1,407,357	1,035
Depreciations	366,698	316
The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess expenditure cap	3,892,406	3,860
	19,484,579	18,619
Net income before financial income and expenditure	-22,548	684
Financial income	486	
Net income for the year	-22,062	684

BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December

	2016 DKK	2015 DKK'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets	2,561,025	2,434
Current assets	2,417,398	3,271
Total assets	4,978,423	5,705
RESERVE AND LIABILITIES		
Reserve at 31 December	1,668,483	1,691
Current liabilities	3,309,940	4,014
Total reserve and liabilities	4,978,423	5,705

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 3,439,943 DKK and reimbursement of 589.301 DKK value added tax.