

Royal Celebration



Monarchs and their representatives from 25 countries around the globe are joining the celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession to the throne

The Royal guest list

Visiting monarchs from 13 countries



Brunei Darussalam
His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah and Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the sultan and yang di-pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, is the 29th of his line, which dates back to the 14th century.

He ascended the throne on October 5, 1967, following the voluntary abdication of his father, Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien.

His Majesty was crowned on August 1, 1968.

His Majesty was born on July 15, 1946, in the capital, Brunei Town (now Bandar Seri Begawan). He furthered his studies in the United Kingdom where he later qualified for admission as an officer cadet at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and was commissioned as a captain in 1967. He left Sandhurst in October of the same year to ascend the throne.

Besides being the sultan and ruler, His Majesty is concurrently the prime minister, defence minister, finance minister and head of religion of Brunei Darussalam.

Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha was born on October 7, 1946, in Bandar Seri Begawan. She is the patroness of several organisations such as The Women Institute, The Women's Council of Brunei Darussalam and the Women Graduates Association.

Their Majesties were married on July 28, 1965, and have 10 children: four princes and six princesses.



Cambodia

His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Baromneath Norodom Sihamoni

His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Baromneath Norodom Sihamoni was selected by a special nine-member council as Cambodia's head of state on October, 2004, following the abdication of his father King Norodom Sihanouk.

His Majesty was born in Phnom Penh on May 14, 1953, to King Norodom Sihanouk and Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk. He was educated in Cambodia and the then Czechoslovakia. King Norodom Sihamoni studied classical dance and music at the Academy of Musical Arts in Prague and film-making in North Korea. His Majesty spent most of his time in France, where he taught ballet. In 1993, His Majesty was appointed Cambodian delegate to Unesco, the UN cultural body based in Paris.

He was crowned in Phnom Penh on October 29, 2004.

Japan

His Imperial Majesty Emperor Akihito and Her Imperial Majesty Empress Michiko

His Imperial Majesty Emperor Akihito is the 125th emperor of the Chrysanthemum Throne, said to be the oldest continuing monarchy in the world. He is the world's only reigning emperor.

Emperor Akihito was crowned at the Imperial Palace on November 12, 1990, following the demise of his father on January 7, 1989.

Emperor Akihito was born in Tokyo on December 23, 1933. He is the eldest son and fifth child of the late Emperor Showa and Empress Kojun. The emperor was educated by private tutors and then attended the Elementary and Secondary Departments of the Peers' School. He

later attended the Department of Political Science at Gakushuin University in Tokyo. On April 10, 1959, he married Miss Michiko Shoda.

Her Imperial Majesty Empress Michiko was born on October 24, 1934, to Hidesaburo Shoda, the president and later honorary chairman of Nisshin Flour Milling Company. She is the first commoner to marry into the imperial family. The then crown prince and crown princess made official visits to 37 countries and devoted themselves to promoting broader opportunities for the disabled to play a fuller role in society.

The emperor and empress have three children: Crown Prince Naruhito, Prince Fumihito and Sayako Kuroda (Princess Nori).



Jordan

His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein

His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is believed to be a 43rd-generation direct descendant of the Prophet Muhammad.

His Majesty ascended the throne on February 7, 1999, following the demise of his father, the late King Hussein.

HM King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein was born in Amman on January 30, 1962. His Majesty is the eldest son of King Hussein and HRH Princess Muna Al-Hussein. He began his primary education at the Islamic Educational College in Amman and later on, in the UK and the US. His Majesty also attended the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1980.

HM King Abdullah II assumes various positions in the Jordanian Forces, among them commander of the Royal Jordanian Special Forces and special operations commander and deputy commander of the Jordanian Special Forces. Since his ascension to the throne, His Majesty has devoted himself to forming a positive moderating role for Jordan within the Arab region and the world. He is also working towards modernising Jordan's information technology and educational systems.

King Abdullah II married Queen Rania on June 10th, 1993. The royal couple have two sons, Prince Hussein and Prince Hashem, and two daughters, Princess Iman and Princess Salma.

Kuwait

His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is the 15th emir of Kuwait, following the abdication of his cousin, HH Sheikh Saad I Al-Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah.

HH Sheikh Sabah was born in Kuwait on June 6, 1929. He is the fourth son of the late Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. HH Sheikh Sabah was educated in Kuwait and later completed his studies with private tutors.

HH Sheikh Sabah became Kuwait's head of state and the supreme commander of the defence forces on January 29, 2006. His Highness also served in several positions in the government, among them minister of information, foreign minister, deputy prime minister, chairman of the cabinet's Joint Ministerial Committee on Priorities of Governmental Work and prime minister.

HH Sheikh Sabah is married to Her Highness Sheikhha Fotouh Salman Al-Sabah; they have two sons and one daughter.



Lesotho

His Majesty King Letsie III and Her Majesty Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso

His Majesty King Letsie III succeeded his father, HM King Moshoeshoe II, as the King of Lesotho in 1990.

His Majesty was born on July 17, 1963. He is the first son of the late King Moshoeshoe II and Queen Mother 'Mamahoto Bereng Seeiso. His Majesty was christened in the Roman Catholic Church as David. He attended Iketseng Private School in Maseru from 1968 to 1972. He furthered his education in the United Kingdom, completing his secondary education and higher degrees in English legal studies, development studies and agricultural economics from the University of Bristol, Cambridge and Wye College at University of London.

HM Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso was born on June 2, 1976. She attended the National University of Lesotho, where she studied science. In 1997, Her Majesty received a certificate in secondary education from Machabeng International College.

King Letsie and Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso were married in 2000 and have two daughters, Princess Mary Senate Mohato Seeiso and Princess 'M'aSeeiso.



Liechtenstein

His Serene Highness Hereditary Prince Alois and Her Serene Highness Hereditary Princess Sophie

His Serene Highness Hereditary Prince Alois became the regent of Liechtenstein by the appointment of his father, His Serene Highness the Sovereign Prince Hans Adam II, on August 15, 2004.

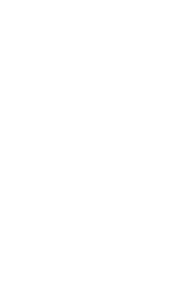
Prince Alois was born on June 11, 1968 in Zurich. He is the eldest son of Prince Hans Adam II and Princess Marie of Liechtenstein.

The prince attended Liechtenstein Grammar School in Vaduz-Ebenholz and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the United Kingdom. Later on, he completed a master's degree in jurisprudence at the University of Salzburg, Austria.

Prince Alois worked at a London auditing company until May 1996, when he returned to Vaduz to manage the financial affairs of HSH the Sovereign Prince and participate in political discussions and consultations.

Her Serene Highness Hereditary Princess Sophie Elisabeth Marie Gabrielle of Liechtenstein was born on October 28, 1967, in Munich. She is the daughter of Prince Max-Emanuel, Duke of Bavaria and Countess Elisabeth Douglas. She was educated in Heiligenstatt and Lengries. The then Duchess Sophie later on studied the English language and literature at the Catholic University in Eichstatt.

Prince Alois and Princess Sophie were married on July 3, 1993. Their Serene Highnesses have four children: Prince Joseph Wenzel, Princess Marie-Caroline, Prince Georg and Prince Nikolaus.



Luxembourg

His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri

His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri is the head of state of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and also commander-in-chief of the Luxembourg Army.

The grand duke is the eldest son of the Grand Duke Jean and the Grand Duchess Josephine-Charlotte of Luxembourg. He was born on April 16, 1955, at the Chateau de Betzdorf.



Malaysia

His Majesty Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, The Yang di-Pertuan Agong XII and Her Majesty Tengku Fauziah binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Rashid, The Raja Permaisuri Agong

His Majesty Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail is the 12th yang di-pertuan agong, or head of state, of Malaysia, and is the raja of the state of Perlis.

His reign as king started on December 13, 2001, earlier than expected, following the demise of the sultan of Selangor.

His Majesty was born on May 17, 1943. He was the second of 10 children of HRH Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail and HRH Tengku Budriah binti Almarhum Tengku Ismail. He was educated in Perlis, Penang and at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. He served in several positions with Malaysia's Ministry of Defence. His Majesty is best known for his dedication to his people and the development of education, as apparent in the establishment of the Tuanku Syed Putra Foundation in 1986, of which he is chairman.

Her Majesty Tengku Fauziah binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Rashid comes from the royal family of Kelantan and Terengganu. She was born on June 6, 1946, to His Majesty Tengku Abdul Rashid Ibni Almarhum Sultan Sulaiman Badrul Alam Shah of Terengganu.

Her Majesty takes part in various associations and organisations in Perlis. She is president of the Girl Guides of Perlis, vice-president of Darul Farah Tengku Hajah Budriah Nursery in Perlis and chairperson of the Muslim Women's Welfare Board of Perlis.

HM Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin and HM Tengku Fauziah were married on February 15, 1967.



Monaco

His Serene Highness Prince Albert II

His Serene Highness Prince Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco, is the head of state and ruler of the Principality of Monaco.

Prince Albert became Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco, on April 6, 2005, following the demise of his father, Prince Rainier III.

Prince Albert II was born in Monaco on March 14, 1958, to the late Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Prince Albert attended school in his homeland before he enrolled at Amherst College in Massachusetts and obtained a degree in political science in 1981.

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