

# Royal Celebration



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

- ◆ His Majesty the King receives Prince Norodom Sihanouk at Chitralada Palace in January 1983.
- ◆ Their Imperial Highnesses Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko of Japan were welcomed by Their Majesties in December 1964. With them are Her Majesty Queen Rambhai Bharni of the seventh reign (far left) and HRH The Princess Mother (far right).
- ◆ His Majesty the King receives Prince Felipe, Prince of Asturias, who represented his father, King Juan Carlos of Spain, on the occasion of His Majesty's fifth-cycle birthday celebrations.

## The Royal guest list

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science from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Informatique et d'Analyse des Systemes. After graduation, she worked as an information services engineer at the Omnium Nord African Group, the country's largest private holding company, which is controlled by the Moroccan royal family. She is recognised as the president of the Lalla Salma Association against Cancer, founded last year.

The royal couple were married on March 21, 2002, at the royal palace in Rabat.

The royal couple have one child: Crown Prince Moulay Hassan.



### Spain

Her Majesty Queen Sofia (Queen Consort of His Majesty King Juan Carlos I)

◆ Her Majesty Queen Sofia of Spain is the Queen Consort of His Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain. The royal couple were married on May 14, 1962.

Queen Sofia was born Princess Sofia of Greece and Denmark in Athens, Greece, on November 2, 1938. She is the eldest child of His Majesty King Paul I of the Hellenes and his wife, Princess Frederika of Hannover. Her Majesty spent her childhood in Egypt and South Africa during her family's exile from Greece during World War Two. She completed her education in southern Germany, then studied paediatrics, music and archaeology in Athens. In addition to her academic excellence, she also represented Greece in sailing at the 1960 Summer Olympics.

Queen Sofia is recognised for her charity work and campaign against drug addiction. Her own agenda includes the Queen Sofia Foundation, the Royal Board on Education and Care of Handicapped Persons and the Foundation for Aid for Drug Addicts.

HM King Juan Carlos I and HM Queen Sofia have three children: Infanta Elena, Infanta Cristina and Prince Felipe.

Duchess of Brabant, was born Mathilde d'Udekem d'Acoz in Uccle on January 20, 1973, to Count Jonkheer Patrick d'Udekem d'Acoz and Countess Anna Maria Komorowska. The duchess was educated in Belgium, studying speech therapy and psychology before embarking on her career as a speech therapist.

The duchess is recognised for her devotion to improving the lives of vulnerable persons. She founded the Princess Mathilde Fund to identify and award projects that are likely to improve the lives of the vulnerable. Princess Mathilde is also a Special Representative to Unicef and ONUSIDA, known for their international campaigns on orphans and children made vulnerable by HIV/Aids.

The duke and duchess were married on December 4, 1999, and they have three children: Princess Elisabeth, Prince Gabriel and Prince Emmanuel.

### Bhutan

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck



◆ His Royal Highness Crown Prince Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck is the heir apparent to the throne of Bhutan.

The crown prince was born on February 21, 1980 to His Majesty King Jigme Singye Wangchuck and his third wife, Queen Ashi Tshering Pem Wangchuck. He is the eldest son of the king.

His Royal Highness completed his elementary education in Bhutan. He continued his studies at the Cushing Academy and Wheaton College in Massachusetts. Crown Prince Jigme also completed the foreign service programme and an M.Phil in politics from Magdalen College, Oxford University, and National Defence and Innovations in Governance courses in India and the US.

His Royal Highness takes an active role in several educational and cultural organisations. He is dean of the Royal University of Bhutan, chairman of the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation and chairman of the Bhutan-India Friendship Association.

### Netherlands

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Willem-Alexander of Orange and Her Royal Highness Princess Maxima



◆ His Royal Highness Crown Prince Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange, is the eldest son of Her Majesty Queen Beatrix and the late Prince Claus von Amsberg, and the first in line to the throne of the Netherlands.

The Prince of Orange was born on April 27, 1967, in Utrecht. He was educated primarily in Baarn and later on, in Hague. He was granted an international baccalaureate from the United World College of the Atlantic in Wales. The crown prince earned an academic degree in history from Leiden University.

The Prince of Orange plays a crucial role in various local and international organisations. He is an honorary member of the World Commission on Water for the 21st Century and patron of the

Global Water Partnership, a body established by the World Bank, the UN, and the Swedish Ministry of Development. He is also a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

◆ Her Royal Highness Princess Maxima of the Netherlands was born Maxima Zorreguieta Cerruti on May 17, 1971, in Buenos Aires to Jorge Horacio Zorreguieta Stefanini and his second wife, Maria del Carmen Cerruti Carricart. She was educated in Argentina with a degree in economics from the Universidad Catolica Argentina. Princess Maxima worked in her native Argentina, New York and Europe.

The Prince of Orange and Princess Maxima announced their engagement on March 30, 2001, and were married on February 2, 2002, in Amsterdam. The royal couple have two daughters: Princess Catharina-Amelia and Princess Alexia.

### Norway

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mette-Marit and Prince Sverre Magnus



◆ His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon is the heir apparent to the Norwegian throne. He is the second child of His Majesty King Harald V and Her Majesty Queen Sonja.

He became Crown Prince Haakon when his father ascended to the crown as Harald V on January 17, 1991.

Crown Prince Haakon was born on July 20, 1973, in Oslo. He undertook his first-level officer's education at the Norwegian Naval Academy. He furthered his studies at the University of California, Berkeley, receiving a bachelor's of arts in political science. Crown Prince Haakon later attended lectures at the University of Oslo and the London School of Economics.

◆ Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mette-Marit was born August 19, 1973. The Crown Princess was educated in Norway and Australia. She also attended the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and is currently studying arts and social studies at the University of Oslo.

The royal couple were married on August 25, 2001, and have two children: HRH Princess Ingrid and Prince Sverre Magnus.

◆ Prince Sverre Magnus is the third in line to the Norwegian throne after his father and his sister, Princess Ingrid. The prince was born on December 3, 2005, in Oslo. Prince Sverre Magnus was christened on March 4, 2006.

### Tonga

Colonel HRH Crown Prince Sia'osi Taufa'ahau Manumata'ogo Tuku'aho Tupou



◆ Colonel HRH Crown Prince Sia'osi Taufa'ahau Manumata'ogo Tuku'aho Tupou is the crown prince and heir to the throne of Tonga.

He was appointed crown prince May 4, 1966. He's more commonly referred to by his title "Tupouto'a".

Crown Prince Tupouto'a was born on May 4, 1948. He is the eldest son of King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV and Queen Consort Halaevalu Mata'aho 'Ahome'e. He attended the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the University of Oxford.

Crown Prince Tupouto'a served in various positions in the government. He was the minister of foreign affairs from 1979 to 1998. He is unmarried and has no children.



### United Arab Emirates

His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces

◆ His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan became Abu Dhabi's crown prince in November 2004. He was appointed deputy supreme commander of the UAE Armed Forces in January of this year. Since December 2004, he has also been chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council.

His Highness will be representing his older brother, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, the president of the UAE, for whom he serves as a special adviser.

His Highness sits on the Abu Dhabi Executive Council which is responsible for the development and planning of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and is a member of the Supreme Petroleum Council which is responsible for all oil-related matters concerning the country. Sheikh Mohammed graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

### Members of royal families from two countries

#### Oman

His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tariq Taimour Al Said (Adviser to His Majesty the Sultan)



◆ His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tariq Taimour Al Said, personal representative of His Majesty the Sultan, is a close relative and adviser to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

His Highness was born in 1956 and educated in the United Kingdom. He served in the Royal Navy in 1975.

His Highness has been an adviser to HM Sultan Qaboos bin Said since 2004.

#### United Kingdom

His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, The Duke of York



◆ His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, The Duke of York, is the second son of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and is the fourth in the line of succession to the British throne.

The Duke of York was born His Royal Highness Andrew Albert Christian Edward on February 19, 1960, at Buckingham Palace. His education was conducted initially at Buckingham Palace by a governess. The prince later studied in Ascot, Scotland and Canada.

His Royal Highness joined the Royal Navy in 1979 and served in the Navy until 2001, during which he participated in the Falklands War. He was made a commander in April 1999. He finished his naval career at the Ministry of Defence in London in 2001 as an officer of the Diplomatic Directorate of the Naval Staff.

His Royal Highness was promoted to the rank of captain in the Royal Navy in 2005.

His Royal Highness is currently working for the Department of Trade and Industry as the United Kingdom's Special Representative for International Trade and Investment.

Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson on July 23, 1986. The couple were created the Duke and Duchess of York and have two daughters: Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie. The Duke and Duchess of York were divorced in May 1996.

### Crown princes and members of royal families from six countries



#### Belgium

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Philippe and Her Royal Highness Princess Mathilde

◆ His Royal Highness Crown Prince Philippe, the Duke of Brabant, is the heir apparent to the throne of Belgium and the eldest son of Albert II, king of the Belgians, and Her Majesty Queen Paula.

The Duke of Brabant was born in Brussels on April 15, 1960. He was educated at the Belgian Royal Military School. Later he continued his education at Oxford University's Trinity College and finally attended Graduate School at Stanford University, California, where he graduated in 1985 with an MA in political science. The duke also attended a series of special sessions at the Royal Higher Defence Institute. He was promoted to colonel and later on, to major-general and rear-admiral.

◆ Her Royal Highness Princess Mathilde,

