

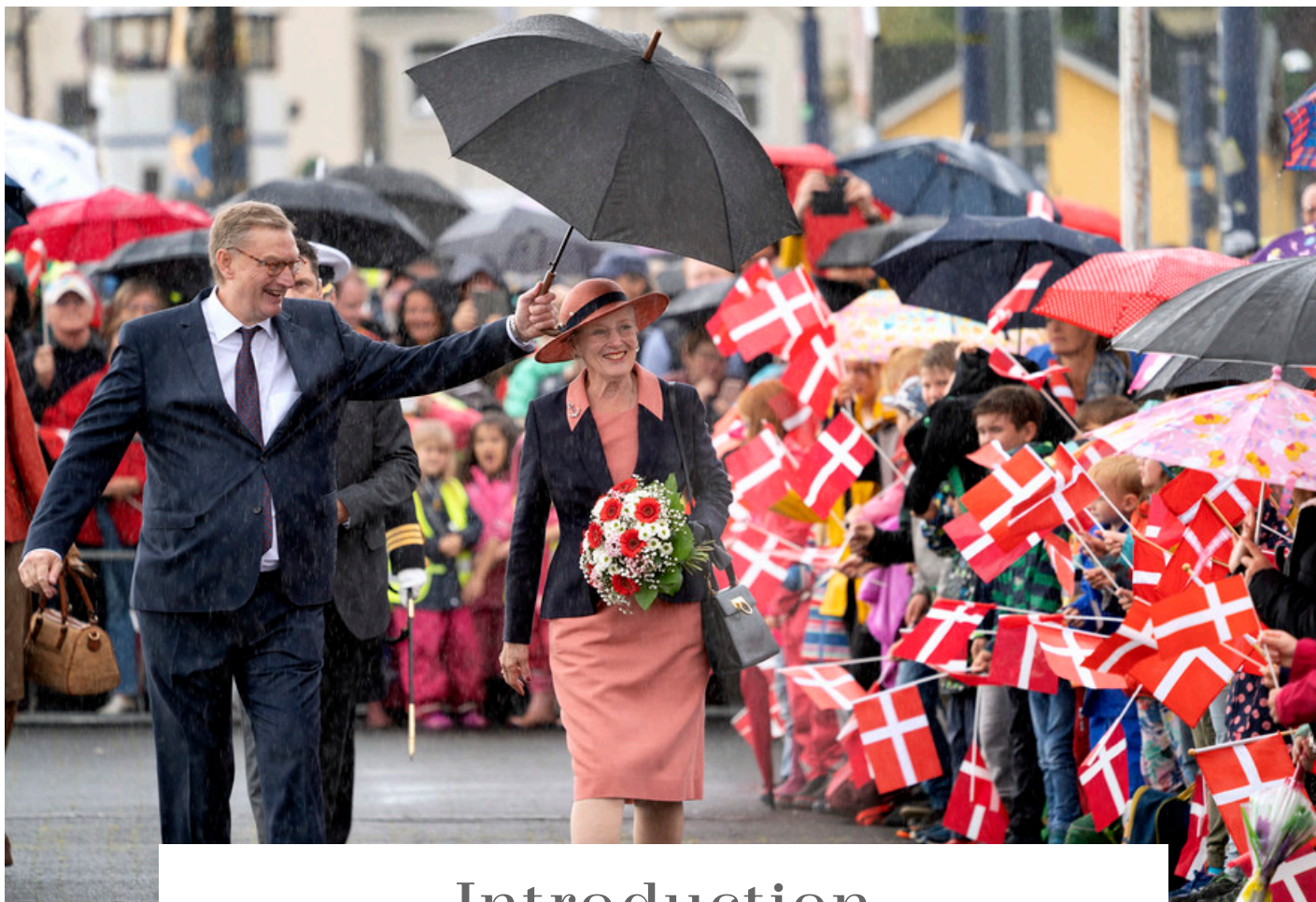




The Lord Chamberlain's
introduction



Extract:
The Annual
Report



Introduction

Welcome to the Royal Danish House's annual report for 2019.

At the end of the year, no one could anticipate how the world at the beginning of 2020 would change with the spread of the coronavirus, and today it can almost seem unreal to think back on the previous year. In the Royal Danish House, Her Majesty The Queen dealt with the consequences of the situation early on and cancelled all activities in the ensuing period, including all of the Royal Danish House's events in connection with The Queen's 80th birthday.

Developments over the recent months, however, do not change the fact that 2019 was a very active and varied year for The Queen and the royal family.

The Queen, Their Royal Highnesses The Crown Prince Couple and 1,000 guests began the year by wishing each other "Happy New Year" at the New Year's levees at Amalienborg and Christiansborg Palace, respectively. In keeping with tradition, The Queen ended the year with the New Year's address, which this time was The Majesty's 48th address. The address gathered more than two million Danes in front of their TV screens.



The Queen held a New Year's levee for the diplomatic corps at Christiansborg Palace with the participation of the Crown Prince Couple.

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The Queen's New Year's address.

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As head of state, The Queen is a center of attention here at home and represents Denmark abroad. With exactly this dual purpose in view, The Queen and the royal family participated in more than 580 individual official program items in areas such as business and culture, humanitarian and social activities, sports and health, the military services, research and education as well as foundation and award distributions. Throughout the country, on the Faroe Islands and in many parts of the world - from Sønderborg to Bornholm and from Argentina to South Korea. The range of diverse duties both in Denmark and abroad reflects the Royal Danish House's engagement in many branches of societal life.

CELEBRATION OF DANNEBROG

One of the year's big events was the celebration of the 800th anniversary of Dannebrog, which according to the legend fell from the sky on 15 June 1219 in the town Lyndanisse, which is now called Tallinn, and helped the Danish king Valdemar the Victorious win control over northern Estonia. On Valdemar's Day 2019, The Queen and the royal family took part in the celebration of the Danish national symbol in both Estonia and Denmark. The Queen arrived on the Royal Yacht Dannebrog in Tallinn the morning of 15 June to begin a two-day official visit. The Estonian capital was decked in red-and-white colors for the occasion, and when The Majesty stepped off, a parachutist jumped out over the city's rooftops with Dannebrog waving behind. If the old legend is taken literally, The Queen was thus the second Danish monarch who could witness the flag of the Danes falling from the sky over Estonia.



The Queen visited Estonia's capital Tallinn, which according to legend was the place where Dannebrog, the Danish national flag, fell from the sky 800 years ago.

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The same day, The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess witnessed the raising of a specially designed Dannebrog in the town of Vordingborg, a former royal residence where Valdemar the Victorious reigned

around the time of the battle in Estonia. In Copenhagen, Their Royal Highnesses Prince Joachim and Princess Marie marked the day by participating in a commemorative church service at Copenhagen Cathedral, the Church of Our Lady, and afterwards at a community singing event at the City Hall Square.



The Crown Prince Couple were present in Vordingborg, where Their Royal Highnesses witnessed the raising of a flag and visited the area where Valdemar the Victorious reigned around the time when Dannebrog fell from the sky.

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In Copenhagen, Prince Joachim and Princess Marie took part in a commemorative service in the Church of Our Lady.

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With hundreds of Danish flags flapping in their hands, many citizens turned out in South Schleswig on 3 September to welcome The Majesty on a four-day official visit to the German state of Schleswig-Holstein and with the Danish minority. It was clear to see that The Majesty was a center of attention for many people right here – just a stone’s throw from Denmark’s border. In a very personal speech to The Queen, a young gymnasium student used these words to describe the special bond: *“Denmark is a place that we as Danish minority citizens can call our heart’s home.”*

These two events underscore an essential aspect of the monarchy’s role, in which The Queen and the other members of the royal family are instrumental in keeping Danish history and cultural heritage alive and relevant in modern times.



The Queen was on an official visit in the state of Schleswig-Holstein and visited the Danish minority.

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The Queen visited the nursing home Dansk Alderdomshjem in Flensburg.

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THE QUEEN AS HEAD OF STATE

Every year, The Queen meets thousands of Danes on her visits around the country and in the public audiences at Christiansborg Palace, which take place approximately two times per month. In 2019, The Majesty greeted something in the order of 1,600 audience seekers who made a personal appearance to thank The Queen, for example, for the conferment of an order of chivalry or a medal, a royal appointment or for The Queen's participation at an event, such as the opening of an institution or an exhibition. In the TV documentary "Kors, bånd og stjerner - I audiens hos Dronningen", which was first broadcast on DR in April 2019, viewers got an insight into how both The Majesty and the audience seekers experience the audiences. In the documentary, the story of the royal orders of chivalry and decorations is told, including the story of the country's highest order, the Order of the Elephant.

There was also personal contact with the more than 6,000 congratulations sent last year from The Queen to Danish citizens in connection with special occasions, such as, for example, 100th birthdays and diamond wedding anniversaries.

As Denmark's head of state, it is The Queen who receives new ambassadors. In 2019, there were 46 newly appointed ambassadors in audiences with The Queen, while 11 departing ambassadors had audiences before leaving.



The word “audience” derives from the Latin word “audire”, which means “to hear”. The meaning of the word is to obtain an appearance in front of a high-ranking person.

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In a constitutional monarchy such as Denmark's, The Queen has a number of functions in the administration of the state, including in connection with the formation of governments, in which it is The Majesty who, as head of state, formally appoints the chief negotiator who leads the discussions about the formation of a new government. In addition, The Queen also formally appoints the new government when the negotiations conclude. On Constitution Day, 5 June, a parliamentary election was held in Denmark, and three weeks later, on 27 June, a new government led by prime minister Mette Frederiksen was presented to The Queen and The Crown Prince in Christian IX's Palace at Amalienborg. Mette Frederiksen is the ninth prime minister

during The Queen's reign.

The Queen and the prime minister have continuous close contact, including in connection with the Council of State, which is a state administrative body in which The Queen and The Crown Prince meet with the prime minister and all other members of the government. The Queen leads the Council of State meetings, in which the ministers, among other things, present adopted bills that must be ratified (signed) by The Queen before they can take effect. In 2019, The Queen presided over five councils of state.



The Queen received Denmark's new government in Christian IX's Palace at Amalienborg.

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After being received, prime minister Mette Frederiksen presented the new government to the people gathered on the palace square.

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During 2019, The Majesty also took part in a wide range of arrangements and events in the Danish Defence. The Queen's close relation to the three services - the Army, the Navy and the Air Force - follows a long tradition in the Royal Danish House.

At the beginning of the year, the re-establishment of two closed-down regiments was marked in Oksbøl and Haderslev. On 8 February, The Queen first visited the Oksbøl Barracks to hand over colors to the Danish Artillery Regiment, and later the same day The Queen took part in handing colors over to the Slesvig Regiment of Foot at the Haderslev Barracks.

In June, The Queen was back in Oksbøl to visit the Army's 2nd Brigade before the unit was sent out for duties in Iraq. During the visit, The Queen observed first aid exercises and got an introduction to the work with cultural understanding and use of local interpreters. Later in the year, three special nails were in focus when The Queen participated in consecration of the colors for the Intelligence Regiment in Varde and the Command Support Regiment in Fredericia. In keeping with tradition, here "one nail for The Queen, one nail

for the Fatherland and one nail for the regiment” were struck into the new banners.



The Queen visiting the Army's 2nd Brigade in Oksbøl. The Majesty is seen in the photo together with, among others, the chief of the 2nd Brigade, brigadier general Gunnar Arpe Nielsen.

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At the Varde Barracks, The Queen presented the new colors to the chief of the Intelligence Regiment, colonel Lars Christian Kùseler.

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Another event rich in tradition was the 2019 Fredensborg Concert, which this time paid tribute to the Danish Realm. On 29 October, The Queen invited a wide entourage of representatives of the Realm to the concert in the Palace Church at Fredensborg Palace and a dinner in the Dome Hall afterwards. With the arrangement, The Majesty wished to recognize a number of the persons who make efforts in behalf of the cooperation between Greenland, the Faroe Islands and Denmark.

STATE VISIT TO ARGENTINA

An essential duty for The Queen and the royal family is to represent Denmark abroad. This occurs, among other ways, through state visits, which have the objective of strengthening and promoting the ties between the countries as well as creating new relationships between Denmark and foreign lands. A state visit is frequently combined with business and cultural promotional campaigns.

The Queen's 54th outward-bound state visit, which this time led to Argentina, took place on 18-20 March. The Queen was invited by His Excellency President Mauricio Macri and was accompanied by The Crown Prince.

In the 1800s and 1900s, many Danes emigrated to Argentina, and so there are now several thousand Argentines with Danish roots and with linguistic, cultural, religious and familial ties to Denmark. The Queen and The Crown Prince had the opportunity to visit some of the Danish descendants in the cities Tandil and Buenos Aires.



The Queen took part in a ceremony including the laying of a wreath at Plaza San Martín by the monument for the national hero José de San Martín in Buenos Aires.

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In the La Boca quarter of Buenos Aires, The Crown Prince visited the major club Boca Juniors and was introduced to the projects “Powerchair Football Argentina” and “Social Development Goals Football”.

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Argentina is increasingly asking for Danish technology and knowledge, and during the state visit The Queen and The Crown Prince led a Danish business delegation that focused on, among other things, equipment for agriculture and food production, sustainable energy, supplying and cleaning water as well as health care. Among other things, the state visit initiated close cooperation between authorities on water issues as well as a collaboration that will support integration of more wind energy into the Argentine energy system. Beyond the business promotion activities, The Queen and The Crown Prince also participated in a number of official arrangements and cultural events.



During the visit in Tandil, The Queen and The Crown Prince were received at the city hall.

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THE QUEEN'S ARTISTIC WORK

Many Danes are acquainted with The Queen's artistic efforts. From church textiles and painting to découpage, embroidery and scenography. In 2019, The Queen was able to present both new church and stage artwork.

At a commemorative church service in Graasten Palace Church in July, a new chasuble was put into use. The chasuble and the church's antependium, which The Queen also prepared in 2018, make up a new and modern set for use in the church year-round. The Queen drew inspiration for the style, design and color

from the nature around Graasten Palace as well as from selected hymns.

In September, The Majesty was also able to unveil newly made church art in the Church of Holmen, which included both a new antependium and a special cover for the church's hymn books which The Queen crafted in connection with the church's 400th anniversary.

As a stage artist, The Queen was the scenographer and costume designer for the eighth time in connection with a ballet performance at Tivoli. This time, the production was a new interpretation of H.C. Andersen's fairy tale "The Snow Queen". The Majesty was part of the production's creative team, and The Queen participated in many rehearsals and meetings up to the premiere on 1 December.



The Queen and Princess Benedikte participated in a commemorative church service and dedication of a new chasuble for Graasten Palace Church.

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Together with the team behind the ballet production "The Snow Queen", The Queen took part in a press conference at Tivoli.

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The Queen attended the premiere of the ballet “The Snow Queen” in Tivoli’s Concert Hall. After the performance, The Queen appeared on stage together with the team.

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BUSINESS PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS ABROAD

In 2019, the Crown Prince Couple led two business promotional campaigns. Their Royal Highnesses visited South Korea from 20-22 May together with a Danish business delegation to promote Danish technology and high-quality Danish products. The visit also marked the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Denmark and South Korea. From 7-9 October, the Crown Prince Couple visited France, which is Denmark’s eighth-largest export market. 50 Danish companies and business organizations took part in the visit under the theme “Denmark and France – together for a better life and a sustainable future”. Sustainability was a common theme in both South Korea and France, just as both

campaigns focused on solutions in the areas of energy, urban development, health and welfare technology as well as lifestyle.



The Crown Prince Couple participated in the official opening of the business promotional campaign in France at the monument La Grande Arche - The New Arc d' Triomphe in Paris. The Crown Prince delivered a speech at the opening.

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During the Crown Prince Couple's business promotional campaign in South Korea, The Crown Princess took part in the opening of a Royal Copenhagen exhibition at K.O.N.G. Gallery in Seoul.

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Later in the year, on 25 November, Their Royal Highnesses participated in marking the 100th anniversary of the re-establishment of diplomatic ties between Denmark and Poland. In the capital, Warsaw, the Crown Prince Couple were welcomed at the Presidential Palace, after which Their Royal Highnesses opened a historians' conference about the 100 years of Danish-Polish relations, took part in a meeting focused on sustainable energy and met with Danish and Polish veterans, among other things.

Sustainability was not only a theme during the Crown Prince Couple's foreign travels. Green transition was also in focus in Denmark when the Crown Prince Couple hosted a dinner in the Great Hall at Christiansborg Palace on 10 October in connection with the international C40 climate summit; mayors, business leaders and climate experts from around the world participated. At the dinner, The Crown Prince gave a speech to the approximately 200 invited guests about Copenhagen's role as a leader in green transition for the world's major cities.

In September, the Crown Prince Couple were the hosts when Their Royal Highnesses Crown Princess Victoria and Prince Daniel led a Swedish business promotional campaign. Over three days, the two heir apparent couples visited a number of companies in the capital as well as the UN City and also took part in the Confederation of Danish Industry's annual summit. Denmark is one of Sweden's biggest trading partners, and the objective of the Swedish visit was to strengthen and develop the two countries' relations

in the health sector, in green transition and in the areas of infrastructure and transportation. At the same time, the UN's 17 Global Sustainable Development Goals, which both the Danish Crown Prince Couple and the Swedish Crown Princess Couple focus on in their work, were an important element in the visit's program.



The Crown Prince Couple were the hosts when the Swedish Crown Princess Couple visited Copenhagen with a large Swedish business delegation. During the visit, Their Royal Highnesses participated in the Swedish-Danish Business Forum at DI.

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At Rigshospitalet, The Crown Princess and Prince Daniel took part in a tour in the new treatment building "The North Wing" and greeted clinic chef and head doctor Mads Klokke.

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THE ROYAL FAMILY'S KEY ISSUES

Every year, the Royal Danish House - through the royal family's many patronages and honorary tasks - brings into focus numerous issues of special interest that touch societal life. From public health to entrepreneurship. From the well-being of children to cultural promotion. The span is wide.



The Crown Prince Family took part in Royal Run 2019 in Aalborg, Aarhus, Copenhagen/Frederiksberg and on the Faroe Islands with more than 82,000 registered participants in all. On Bornholm, Royal Run was held without royal participation.

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Among The Crown Prince's many patronages is Save The Children, and, in August, His Royal Highness surprised a group of children who were on an outing on the island Fejø with one of Save The Children's family experience clubs. The clubs help families that have a limited network and a need for new friends in their local areas. On the outing, His Royal Highness helped the children pick apples, which were later used to make apple juice. The Crown Prince also took part in an apple tossing competition, and the day's get-together rounded off with participants using straw bales to build a castle with towers, secret passages and bridges.

The Crown Prince also works to promote awareness of the entrepreneurial culture in Denmark. At the beginning of May, His Royal Highness presented the DenmarkBridge Award 2019 at Vækstfonden's Annual Meeting in Copenhagen. The annual meeting is one of Denmark's biggest networking events in the area of

entrepreneurship and financing. The Crown Prince is patron of DenmarkBridge, which has the goal of ensuring that Danish companies and entrepreneurs have access to knowledge, networks and capital in Silicon Valley in California. Early in the year, His Royal Highness invited the organization to an experience-sharing session and dinner in Frederik VIII's Palace at Amalienborg. In September, The Crown Prince took part in the annual DenmarkBridge CEO Summit in San Francisco, where participants got insight into new business models and digital trends.



During a visit on Fejø, The Crown Prince took part in an apple tossing competition with Save The Children's family experience club.

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The Crown Prince at the DenmarkBridge CEO Summit in San Francisco in the USA.

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2019 was also a significant year for one of The Crown Princess's key interests, namely the fight for women's and girls' rights and the right to control their own bodies. On trips to Ethiopia, Kenya and Indonesia, The Crown Princess visited health clinics, refugee camps and schools and in this way brought into focus empowerment of girls and women, maternal mortality, female genital mutilation, family planning and gender-based violence.

Since 2010, The Crown Princess has been patron of the UN's Population Fund (UNFPA), which is one of Denmark's biggest and closest multilateral partners in the area of development cooperation. Through the years, Her Royal Highness has been involved in several international events and projects that relate to the fund's key interest in the rights of women and girls and the right for them to have control over their own

bodies. This was also the case when The Crown Princess took part in trips to Kenya and Indonesia. In November, The Crown Princess delivered the opening speech at the Nairobi Summit in Kenya, a global meeting hosted by Denmark, Kenya and UNFPA. The meeting marked the 25th anniversary of the Cairo Declaration with an action plan for efforts to benefit the world's women and girls. In December, Her Royal Highness visited Indonesia together with development cooperation minister Rasmus Prehn and UNFPA Executive Director Natalia Kanem to bring focus to sexual and reproductive health and rights. The Crown Princess also participated in a big Women Deliver conference in Vancouver.

Back home in Denmark, The Crown Princess worked further with her engagement in the fight against bullying, psychological distress and loneliness. Together with more than 220 children, Her Royal Highness joined in when The Mary Foundation's program Free of Bullying presented the song "Liker", which is about being a good friend on the Internet.



The Crown Princess gave a speech at the official opening of the summit "Nairobi Summit on ICPD25: Accelerating the Promise" in Kenya.

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During the trip to Indonesia, The Crown Princess visited a local public health center in the region Yogyakarta.

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Under the themes of faith, democracy, school, borders, law and symbols, Danes over six Wednesdays in the autumn could see Prince Joachim tell about the events and values that have played a part in shaping Danish society. In the TV programs "Prince Joachim tells ...", the Prince delved into Danish identity and history. Prince Joachim was - in addition to being the narrator of the programs - also co-producer of the series.

In September, the Prince began in France's highest-ranking military leadership training. The training takes place at École Militaire in Paris until the summer of 2020 and consists of two parts that are held at Centre des Hautes Études Militaires (CHEM) and Institut des Hautes Études de la Défense Nationale (IHEDN),

respectively. Most of the studies take place at CHEM for 30 selected officers with the rank of colonel or commander, and the focus here is on military strategic leadership and international relations. The military studies are supplemented at IHEDN with training in strategic leadership and public administration.

As a part of the training, Prince Joachim went on a tour of the French bases in Chad, Niger and Mali in December together with his fellow students. In Gao in Mali, the Prince had the opportunity for an informal visit with the Danish helicopter detachment, where the Danish soldiers stationed there told about their work duties during the deployment.



A scene from "Prince Joachim tells ..."

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Prince Joachim visited the Danish helicopter detachment in Gao in Mali and wished the Danish soldiers a Merry Christmas.

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In connection with the training, the Prince, together with Princess Marie and the couple's two children, moved to Paris. Princess Marie was back in Denmark several times however, among other reasons to mark her strong engagement in the effort against food waste. Among other things, Her Royal Highness contributed to the cookbook "Food with respect - A family cookbook which reduces food waste" together with a number of chefs and entrepreneurs. The Princess came up with several of the recipes and has written

the book's introduction.

The engagement in fighting food waste also manifested itself at UNESCO's 40th general conference in Paris, where the Princess gave a speech in her role as patron of the Danish National Commission for UNESCO. In the speech, Her Royal Highness talked about the new opportunities for cooperation and joint efforts that the UN's Sustainable Development Goals have created, including a collective fight against food waste.



At the publishing house Gyldendal, Princess Marie took part in the launch of the book "Food with respect".

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In her role as patron of the Danish National Commission for UNESCO, Princess Marie gave a speech at UNESCO's 40th general conference in Paris.

PHOTO: CHRISTELLE ALIX, UNESCO ©

For Princess Benedikte, the year offered arrangements both in Denmark and abroad. In October, Her Royal Highness traveled to southern Brazil to open the Princess Benedikte Institute, which is one of the Princess's patronages. The institute works for the benefit of vulnerable children in the city Curitiba.



Princess Benedikte participated in the celebration of the 70th anniversary of SOS Children's Villages in Christian VIII's Palace at Amalienborg.

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Princess Benedikte visited Curitiba in Brazil in connection with the opening of the Princess Benedikte Institute.

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The Princess's humanitarian work also manifested itself in Denmark, where Her Royal Highness invited SOS Children's Villages into Christian VIII's Palace at Amalienborg in October to celebrate the organization's 70th anniversary. Princess Benedikte has been the patron of SOS Children's Villages since 1995, and the Princess has continuously followed the organization's work to help orphaned and other vulnerable children.

THE ROYAL DANISH HOUSE'S COMMUNICATION

The Royal Danish House experiences steadily increasing interest from the public about the royal family's activities. This is reflected both in the many inquiries from the media on a daily basis and in the several hundred inquiries about interviews each year. The interest is also evident in the increasing number of requests for royal participation in TV and book productions. In 2019, the Royal Danish House's Communications Department was involved in the creation of 14 TV productions and seven books. During the year, the Royal Danish House also committed to more than 60 interviews, including 17 interviews with The Queen on topics such as the Realm, Frederik the 9th and the celebration of Dannebrog.

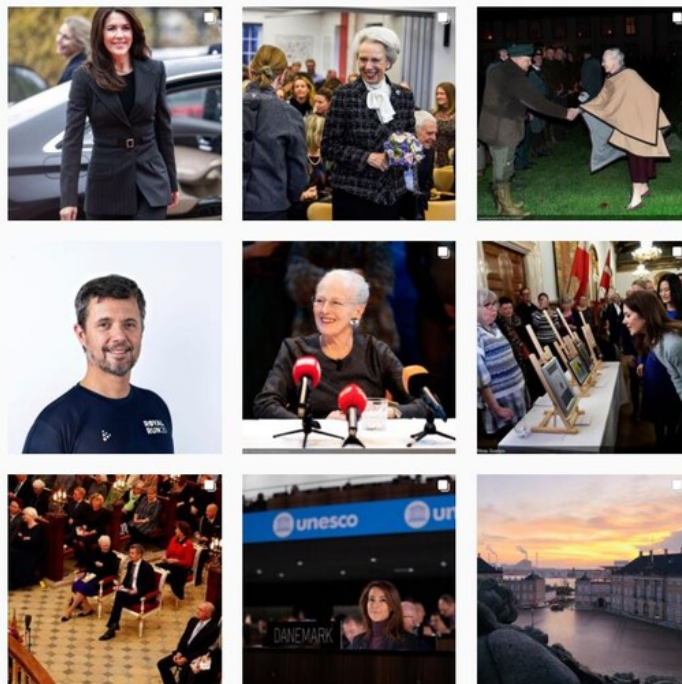
It is important for the Royal Danish House to be present where the Danish people are, and on that background, the Royal Danish House went out on the social media four years ago. Since then, the number of followers has steadily increased. More than 400,000 Danes now follow the Royal Danish House on Instagram, and the number on Facebook has reached a quarter million. For special events, the Royal Danish House reaches out to nearly three million Danes through the social media.

The social media give Danes the opportunity to follow the royal family's activities, for example through video greetings and the royal family's own photos. At the same time, these platforms communicate knowledge about the Royal Danish House's history and the Danish cultural heritage. In 2019, The Queen for the fourth year in a row was the initiator of a Christmas calendar on the Royal Danish House's Instagram profile. The 24 calendar doors gave insight into unknown and marvelous corners of the royal palaces and offered a number of stories, from fairy-tale author H.C. Andersen and Christian the 4th to The Queen's grandparents, Christian the 10th and Queen Alexandrine.



The Queen holds a news conference on the Royal Yacht Dannebrog.

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A selection from the Royal Danish House's Instagram profile.

PHOTO: KONGEHUSET ©

THE ROYAL DANISH HOUSE'S FINANCES

In terms of finances, 2019 concluded very satisfactorily, with a surplus of approximately 1.9 million DKK. The result reflects that the Royal Danish House has worked in recent years to adapt the organization. In addition, the result shows a greater financial return on savings than expected in 2019.

The financial result is particularly gratifying compared with the Royal Danish House's high level of activity just described.

TWO SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Two days in 2019 were particularly festive in the Royal Danish House. On 29 April, Princess Benedikte celebrated her 75th birthday, and soon after, on 7 June, the Danish flag was once again raised across the country when Prince Joachim turned 50 years old. The round birthdays were individually celebrated with two banquets in Christian VII's Palace at Amalienborg, hosted by The Queen.



Princess Benedikte arriving for the banquet in Christian VII's Palace on the occasion of the Princess's 75th birthday.

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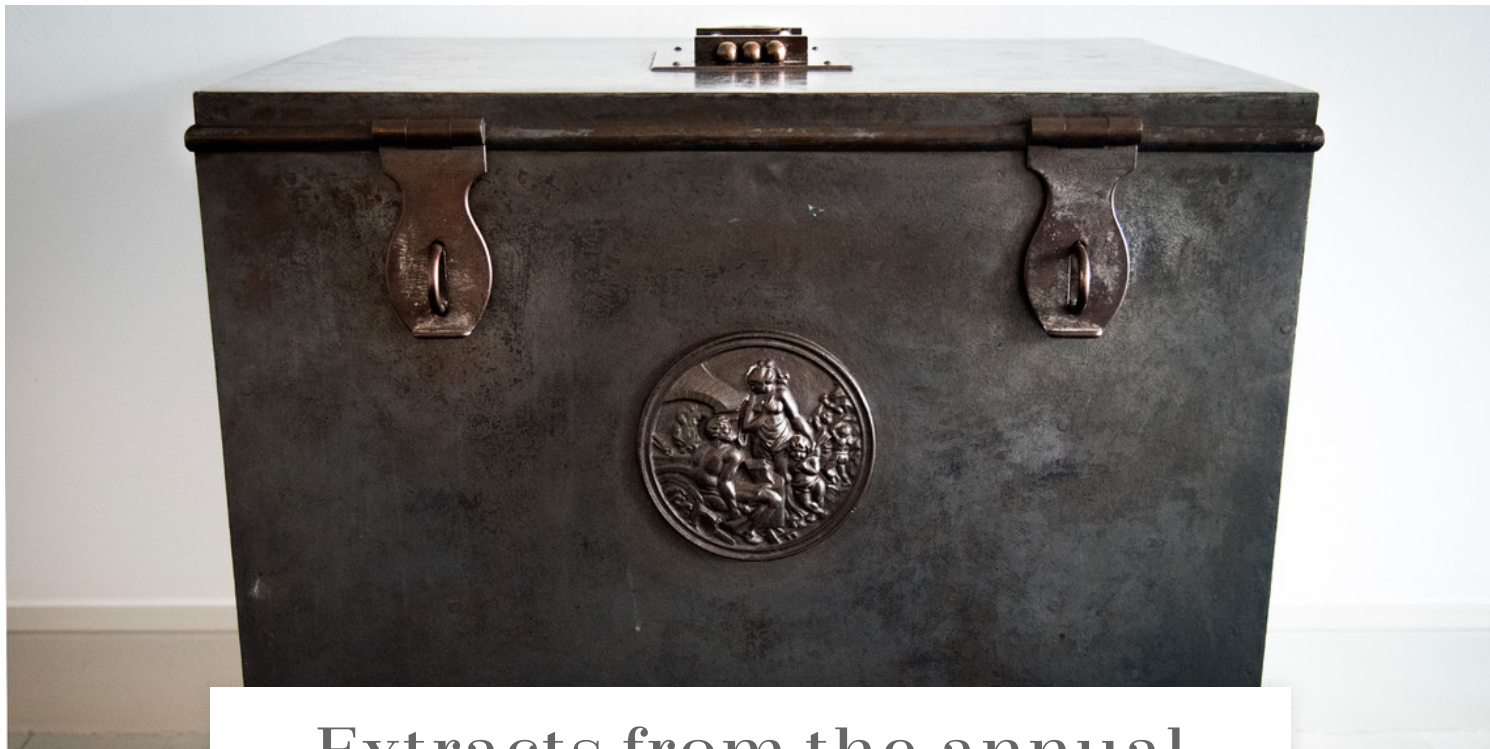


Prince Joachim and Princess Marie arrived together with Their Highnesses Prince Nikolai, Prince Felix, Prince Henrik and Princess Athena for the banquet in Christian VII's Palace on the occasion of Prince Joachim's 50th birthday.

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All in all, 2019 was yet another active and eventful year for the Royal Danish House. In the New Year's address, Her Majesty The Queen summed up the past year with, among others, these words: *"I am grateful for everything the years bring to me, and for the warmth that I and my whole family are still met with. It both inspires us and obligates us."*

Michael Ehrenreich
Lord Chamberlain



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 Act on the Registration of Motor Vehicles, The Queen and Prince Henrik, The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess, Prince Joachim and Princess Benedikte have not been subject to registration tax in relation to motor vehicles, etc. In accordance with the Danish Personal Tax Act, The Royal Family 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 employees 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 relating to staff, operation of the Royal Household, administration and properties as well as expenses of a more private nature. For Princess Benedikte, the allowance covers expenses connected to official obligations.

Total VAT rebate for 2019: 5,969,549 DKK.

THE CIVIL LIST

The Civil List

Extract from financial statements

2019	2018
DKK	DKK'000

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME

Parliamentary allowance	83.827.931	81,592
Other income	2.851.985	2,719
	86,679,916	84,311

EXPENDITURE

Staff costs	55,493,311	54,706
Court expenses	8,457,210	8,980
Administration expenses	6,237,086	6,174
Property expenses	3,699,874	3,545
Depreciations	1,294,923	1,490
The Queen and Prince Henrik's expenditure cap	10,918,589	10,627
	86,100,993	85,522

Net income before financial income and expenditure	578,923	-1,211
Financial income and expenses	1,313,830	-368
Net income for the year	1,892,753	-1,579

BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December

	2019 DKK	2018 DKK'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets	6,093,446	7,353
Current assets	25,892,989	23,393
Total assets	31,986,435	30,746
RESERVE AND LIABILITIES		
Reserve at 31 December	14,252,653	12,360
Current liabilities	17,733,782	18,386
Total reserve and liabilities	31,986,435	30,746

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 2019: 1,553,845 DKK

THE PARLIAMENTARY ANNUITY

The Parliamentary Annuity

Extract from financial statements

	2019 DKK	2018 DKK'000
INCOME STATEMENT		
INCOME		
Parliamentary allowance	20,633,946	20,084
Other income	0	0
	20,633,946	20,084
EXPENDITURE		
Staff costs	13,166,468	12,384
Court expenses	1,951,872	2,357
Administration expenses	278,787	289
Property expenses	867,447	845
Depreciations	462,305	586
The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess expenditure cap	4,126,789	4,017
	20,853,668	20,478
Net income before financial income and expenditure	-219,722	-394
Financial expenses	340	0
Net income for the year	-220,062	-394

BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December

	2019 DKK	2018 DKK'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets	2,301,905	2,653
Current assets	3,484,709	2,123
Total assets	5,786,614	4,776
RESERVE AND LIABILITIES		
Reserve at 31 December	1,134,064	1,354
Current liabilities	4,652,550	3,422
Total reserve and liabilities	5,786,614	4,776

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 3,647,080 DKK and reimbursement of 385,409 DKK value added tax.