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### **His Excellency The Governor Lauds the Success of the 2009 Royal Visit**

Today His Excellency the Governor, Sir Richard Gozney extended a heartfelt thank you to those who worked to make the 2009 Royal Visit of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh a success.

The Governor said that “countless hours of planning and hard work” paid off and he has received “tremendously positive feedback” from all sectors of the community regarding the Royal Visit.

His Excellency said, “I am at a loss for words to express gratitude and appreciation for all the hard work before the Royal Visit and for all the demanding work during the Visit, by so many agencies and bodies in Bermuda.

“They all starred: the Bermuda Government, especially the Department of Communication and Information, the Cabinet Office, the Bermuda Police Service, the Bermuda Regiment, the Ministry of Transport including the Airport & Marine and Ports, the Ministry of Works & Engineering, the Parks Department, the Corporations of St. George’s and Hamilton, WEDCO, the World Heritage Centre, the Anglican Cathedral and other Christian denominations and faiths, the Maritime Museum and Tucker’s Point Hotel.”

The Governor continued, “Worthy of separate mention are all of Bermuda’s schools who showed their phenomenal enthusiasm in welcoming The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and all those members of the public who turned out and waited to welcome them with equal gusto. Bermuda’s warm, strong and genuine welcome of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were constantly remarked upon by the Visitors themselves.”

Meanwhile, the public are encouraged to visit [www.bermudaroyalvisit.gov.bm/gallery](http://www.bermudaroyalvisit.gov.bm/gallery) to view a full chronology of photographs showcasing Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh as they attended a myriad of events spanning the Island.

The photos which were taken over the past three days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), tells an historical story of the Royal couple's visit which celebrated our 400th Anniversary Year.

Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh left Bermuda earlier today for Trinidad and Tobago for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and a State Visit. The visit will include the Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad, tomorrow Friday, 27 November.

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