

QUEEN'S JUBILEE

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The Queen marks a historic 70 years on the throne on Sunday with Platinum Jubilee celebrations planned across the country later the year.

In a message to the nation she reflects on the past paying tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen Mother.

She also puts her affairs in order, sharing her succession support for her eldest son Prince Charles as monarch. In a hugely significant intervention Her Majesty, 95, also expresses her "sincere wish" that Camilla will be known as Queen Consort when the Prince of Wales is crowned King.

Here is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee message in full:

Tomorrow, 6th February, marks the 70th anniversary of my Accession in 1952. It is a day that, even after 70 years, I still remember as much for the death of my father, King George VI, as for the start of my reign.

As we mark this anniversary, it gives me pleasure to renew to you the pledge I gave in 1947 that my life will always be devoted to your service.

As I look ahead with a sense of hope and optimism to the year of my Platinum Jubilee, I am reminded of how much we can be thankful for. These last seven decades have seen extraordinary progress socially, technologically and culturally that have benefitted us all; and I am confident that the future will offer similar opportunities to us and especially to the younger generations in the United Kingdom and throughout the Commonwealth.