

Med sin deltagelse i konferencen i Sønderborg understreger prinsesse Marie både sin tilknytning til landsdelen og interesse for klimaspørgsmål.

I sin tale udtrykte prinsesse Marie håb om, at skolefolkene fra Asien og Europa kan inspirere hinanden.



ELEVER SER PÅ KLIMAET

På klimamødet i Sønderborg blev der skabt kontakter mellem skoler i Asien og Europa. Parvis skal skoler fra de to verdensdele lave projekter om klimaet, og eleverne – som er mellem 14 og 18 år – skal via internettet og på engelsk beskæftige sig med emnet. – De skal gerne lære hinanden noget på kryds og tværs. Eleverne vil forhåbentlig også opdage, at unge, uanset hvor de bor, har de samme bekymringer for klimaet, siger skoleleder Karen Marie Hougaard.

MARIES KLIMA-TOPMØDE

Prinsessen skabte opmærksomhed om Jordens problemer



Skoleleder Karen Marie Hougaard glædede sig over, at prinsesse Marie kom til klimamødet.

■ Det skærper opmærksomheden, hvis et medlem af kongehuset siger ja til at deltage i et arrangement. Den positive erfaring gjorde arrangørerne af en international UNESCO-konference på Hotel Comwell i Sønderborg. Prinsesse Marie havde takket ja til at deltage i åbningen af klimamødet, og det gav sig straks et positivt udslag i antallet af deltagere, og sponsorkronerne blev pludselig meget lettere at få hjem.

– Det har virkelig åbnet døre,

at prinsesse Marie har vist den ære at deltage i konferencen, fortæller en af arrangørerne, skoleleder Karen Marie Hougaard fra Hørup Centralskole. – Det har betydet rigtig meget for deltagerne, og det har været lettere at få sponsormidler, når vi nævnte, at prinsesse Marie kom for at åbne konferencen, tilføjer en tilfreds skoleleder.

Et stort antal skolefolk – 100 fra 30 forskellige lande i Asien og Europa – havde fundet vej til Sønderborg, og netop på åb-

ningsdagen var alle deltagere mødt til tiden for at være på plads, når dagens kongelige æresgæst kom på besøg. Prinsesse Marie holdt ikke kun en kort åbningstale, hun deltog også i dagens program og lyttede opmærksomt til oplæg om de aktuelle udfordringer for Jordens klima, og hun stillede op til fotografering sammen med alle deltagerne, inden hun også spiste frokost med forsamlingen.

– Alle har en rolle at spille, når det drejer sig om klimaet, og

i den sammenhæng er lærerne meget vigtige medspillere, sagde prinsessen. – Det er også et meget relevant emne, når der netop er klimatopmøde i København om en måned, tilføjede Marie. På konferencen hørte hun om de forskellige trusler mod klimaet, som for eksempel er en øget temperatur og en stigende vandstand, og det blev forklaret, hvilke initiativer der kan hjælpe med at skabe et bedre klima på Kloden.

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MARIE'S TOP CLIMATE MEETING

The princess brought attention to the problems of the Earth

Attention is intensified if a member of the royal family agrees to participate in an event. The positive experience was made by the organizers of an international UNESCO-conference at Hotel Comwell in Sønderborg. Princess Marie had agreed to participate in the opening of the climate meeting and it had a positive effect by way of the number of participants as well as sponsors.

“It has really opened up doors as Princess Marie has given us the honor by participating in the conference”, says of one the organizers, school principal Karen Marie Hougaard from Hørup Central School.

“It has meant a lot to the participants and it has been easier to find sponsors when we mentioned that Princess Marie came to open the conference”, adds another pleased school principal.

A large number of educators – 100 from 30 different countries in Asia and Europe – had found their way to Sønderborg and exactly on the day of the opening, all the participants had met on time to be seated when the royal guest of honor came to visit. Princess Marie made a short opening speech, participated in the day's programme and listened with attention to the introductory presentations about the actual challenges to climate, and she posed for photographs with all the participants before she had lunch with the assembly.

“Everybody has a part to play when it concerns the climate, and in that connection the teachers are very important co-players”, said the princess. “It is also a very relevant topic since there is an important climate meeting in Copenhagen in a month's time,” added Marie. During the conference she also heard about the different threats towards the climate—for instance, increased temperature and rising water levels—and it was explained which initiatives could help slow down climate change.

Caption for main photo: With her participation in the conference in Sønderborg, Princess Marie underscores her attachment to the province as well as her interest in the climate question.

Caption for upper right photo: In her speech, Princess Marie expressed hope that educators from Asia and Europe can inspire each other.

Boxed text: Pupils look at the climate. At the climate meeting in Sønderborg, networks were created between schools in Asia and Europe. The schools from the two continents are going to work in pairs to create projects about the climate, and students – who are between 14 and 18 years old – are going to occupy themselves with the topic with the help of the Internet. They are going to teach each other. Hopefully the students will also find out that youngsters no matter where they live have the same worries about climate, says school principal Karen Marie Hougaard.

Caption for lower right photo: School principal, Karen Marie Hougaard, was pleased that Princess Marie came to the climate meeting