The Princely House

Principality of Liechtenstein
The Princely Family
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- The Prince: His Serene Highness (H.S.H.) Prince Hans-Adam II
- The Princess: Her Serene Highness (H.S.H.) Princess Marie, née Countess Kinsky of Wchinitz and Tettau
- Their children:
  - H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois (heir to the throne)
  - H.S.H. Prince Maximilian
  - H.S.H. Prince Constantin
  - H.S.H. Princess Tatjana
Prince Hans-Adam II

- Prince Hans-Adam II von und zu Liechtenstein, Duke of Troppau and Jägerndorf, Count Rietberg

- 15th Reigning Prince and first to have grown up in Liechtenstein

- Appointed in 1984 as permanent representative by his father Prince Franz Josef II and entrusted with performing state duties

- Became Reigning Prince on 13 November 1989 following the death of his father
Hereditary Prince Alois

- Heir to the throne as eldest son of the Reigning Prince

- Since 15 August 2004 entrusted with exercising the sovereign powers due to the Reigning Prince

- Married to Her Royal Highness Duchess Sophie in Bavaria

Entrepreneurship

_ The state does not finance the Princely House

_ Corporate portfolio of the Princely Family
  
  • LGT Group: specialising in private banking and asset management
  
  • Princely Foundations: one of the most important collections of art in the world, innovative property management (Palais), farming and forestry enterprises, vineyards and electricity plants

_ Focus on governance
  
  • Liechtenstein Foundation for State Governance
  
  • Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination in cooperation with Princeton University, USA
The Reigning Prince
Tasks of the Reigning Prince

- Head of state of Liechtenstein
- Represents the state in all dealings with other countries
- Right to initiate legislation by presenting proposals to Government; all laws must be sanctioned by the Reigning Prince
- Appoints the Government by mutual agreement with and on proposal of the Parliament
History
Earliest recorded mention

- The earliest recorded mention of the name Liechtenstein dates back to 1136, when Hugo von Liechtenstein probably adopted it from Liechtenstein Castle to the south of Vienna.

- The Liechtenstein family’s uninterrupted line of ancestry begins with Heinrich I von Liechtenstein (died 1265/66).
Acquisition of land

- After attaining the title of Imperial Prince under Prince Karl in 1608, the House of Liechtenstein strove to acquire territory having imperial immediacy

- In 1699 and 1712, Prince Hans Adam I (1657-1712) received the opportunity to purchase the territories of Schellenberg and Vaduz

- Vaduz Castle has belonged to the Princes of Liechtenstein since 1712
Seat of the Prince

Through an Imperial Diploma dated 23 January 1719, the territories of Schellenberg and Vaduz were united and raised to the rank of the Imperial Principality of Liechtenstein.

Liechtenstein became a sovereign state in 1806.

In 1938 Prince Franz Josef II (1906-1989) moved his permanent place of residence to Vaduz.
Coat of Arms
The coat of arms of the Princely House is also the official coat of arms of the Principality of Liechtenstein.

The individual coats of arms contained within the state coat of arms reflect the history of the Princely House.

The shield is surrounded by the Princely Cloak crowned with the Princely Hat.
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