## <u>A celebration of Wales at Cardiff</u> <u>Castle</u>

The castle will host a celebration of Welsh culture, sport and heritage – from harpists and choirs to inspirational youngsters, award winning produce and cutting edge performers – providing the Royal couple with a snap shot of modern Wales.

The Culture, Tourism and Sport Minister will be part of the welcoming party, and was keen to give an insight into what the royal couple can expect:

Lord-Elis Thomas said:

"I'm delighted that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle have chosen to come to Wales as one of their first official visits since their recent engagement.

"We are very fortunate in Wales to have both a thriving cultural tradition and a vibrant, diverse offering. This is something we are all too keen to showcase, share and celebrate with rest the world and to do so in such prestigious company is a real privilege.

"The Welsh croeso is legendary, but our standing as a top class visitor destination, food producer, adventure hot spot, major events host and a lot more besides is also very much on the rise. I hope to see this visit provide a taste of the variety and quality of what's on offer here in Wales.

"Indeed, our royal Welsh welcome extends well beyond this visit and we'd be only too pleased to highlight the magnificence of other parts of Wales in future."