## <u>Scottish Secretary pays tribute to HRH</u> <u>The Duke of Edinburgh</u>

News story

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack's statement on the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.



Secretary of State for Scotland Alister Jack said:

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Since her accession in 1952, the Duke has given the Queen his unstinting support and dedication. Their marriage was a true, and enduring partnership.

Prince Philip's life was one of tireless public service. That was never more evident than during his countless visits to Scotland, where the Duke's warmth and humour endeared him to Scots from all walks of life.

His Royal Highness had a long and fond relationship with Scotland and, through his fantastic Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, has played a key role in building the confidence, ambition and aspiration of thousands of young Scots.

As we reflect on the Duke's life, we give thanks for his remarkable lifetime of dignity and devoted service, and extend our deepest condolences to the Royal Family.

He was an amazing man, a great character. I fear we will never see his like again.