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Your Excellency, you're expected by Her Majesty!

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The ambassadors of (left-right) Japan, South Korea, Morocco, Argentina, Romania, Canada and Greece were among the newbies nervously (perhaps) waiting to be presented to Queen Margrethe II at the queen's reception for the diplomatic corps at Christiansborg Palace on January 3



It can be intimidating meeting a monarch, which explains why she's smiling



After all, she's always got plenty of back-up



And don't forget the support, and star appeal, of these two: the Crown Prince Couple, Frederik and Mary



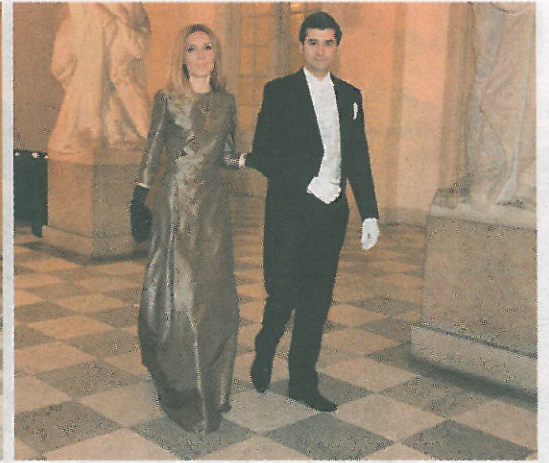
The wait is always worth it – among those in the queue were Indian ambassador Rajeev Shahare (right)



And this year the privilege of going first fell to Mina Marie Baldé Laurent (Ivory Coast), the longest serving ambassador in Denmark who is now the dean of the diplomatic corps following the departure of Moroccan ambassador Raja Ghannam

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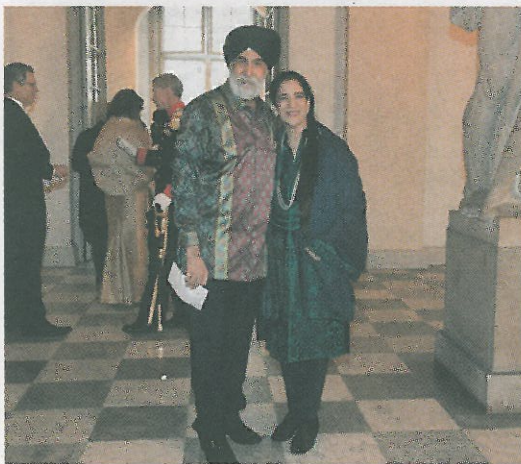
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Continuing with the new arrivals we had (left-right) Dominic Schroeder (UK), Fredrik Jörgensen (Sweden) and Mihai-Alexandru Gradinar (Romania) from Europe ...



Juan Pablo Chain (Bolivia), Conrado Solari Yrigoyen (Argentina) and the rarely-seen Jose Beraun Aranibar (Peru) from South America ...



Karan Singh Thakral (Singapore), Muhammad Ibnu Said (Indonesia) and Jai Chul Choi (South Korea) from Asia ...



and also Toshiro Suzuki (Japan), Alaa Hussain Musa (Iraq) and Morteza Moradian (Iran) – the last ambassador to arrive on these shores in 2015 in fact