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- ५. दे'अ'र्कर् से'द्रवर्अद्याप्तर्वाप्ते क्रिये क्रियावया वालका प्रत्यावया विद्यालया विद्यालया क्रियावया विद्यालया व
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Inaugural Speech by Tshogpon Lungten Dorji on the Opening Ceremony of Second Session of the Fourth Parliament of Bhutan

[14 November 2024]

- 1. The Second Session of the Fourth Parliament of Bhutan commences today on this auspicious day. On behalf of all Members of Parliament and on my own behalf, I would like to humbly welcome and express my deepest gratitude to His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo for gracing the opening ceremony.
- 2. The Parliament also extends a warm welcome to the esteemed Members of the Royal Family. In addition, we welcome senior government officials, foreign diplomats and dignitaries, and teachers and students representing various schools and all who have come to witness today's session.
- 3. In October, His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo presided over Bhutan's inaugural Innovation Forum, a historic and unprecedented event held at Dungkar Dzong in Paro. The forum was attended by experts from both within and abroad, whose participation contributed to the promotion of Bhutan's traditional customs, heritage, and Bhutanese values. Additionally, information about the Gelephu Mindfulness City project has been widely shared on social media to inform the public. This event marks a proud moment for Bhutan, offering an exceptional opportunity to elevate the nation's profile on the global stage.

The GMC project is designed around the four pillars of Gross National Happiness, drawing the participation of international experts, inventors, entrepreneurs, artists, philosophers, and scientists. Many attendees of the forum expressed their appreciation for the project.

The forum, centered on consciousness, innovation, and sustainability, aimed to serve as a foundational platform for advancements in digital technologies, ecology, nature, education, and health, both within Bhutan and internationally. It was expected to drive innovation in urban planning and catalyze economic transformation. The forum promoted the development of equality, happiness, and peace in Bhutan and around the world.

The forum strengthened relationships between government officials and international experts. In addition to fostering solidarity and cooperation among entrepreneurs, it also facilitated connections between individuals and encouraged the exchange of ideas. This

initiative bolstered both the current and future economy while enhancing trust between governments and citizens.

Therefore, the Parliament would like to extend our sincere gratitude to His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo.

His Majesty's vision for the Gelephu Mindfulness City project has been internationally applauded for championing environmental protection alongside business and economic sustainability. For this, His Majesty has been named one of TIME's 100 Climate Leaders for 2024. The Parliament of Bhutan extends its heartfelt congratulations.

4. His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo has also engaged in bilateral talks with foreign countries for the benefit of the people and the nation, leading to successful outcomes. During the recent visit to Australia, His Majesty granted Royal Audiences to the Bhutanese communities in major cities, offering them blessings and insightful guidance. The heartfelt exchange between His Majesty and the Bhutanese community, as His Majesty spoke about the nation's innovative advancements, vividly demonstrated the deep affection and unwavering commitment to the people of Bhutan.

His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo and Royal Family were warmly welcomed by the Bhutanese citizens in Australia. The warm receptions demonstrated the deep sense of loyalty, patriotism and true love for the King and country.

Therefore, it is important for all of us, not only those living in the country but also those living abroad, to pray for the long life of His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo, the Jewel of our nation.

- 5. The Parliament wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo for his diplomatic visits to foreign countries, which have been instrumental in advancing the nation's development and promoting the welfare of its people, despite the challenges and hardships encountered along the way.
- 6. On September 5, His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo officially launched the first cohort of the Gyalsung training programme. This noble initiative is destined to impart valuable moral education to the youth of our nation, instilling in them a profound sense of loyalty and an unwavering commitment to serve the *Tsa-wa-Sum* with sincerity and dedication.

The Parliament humbly and sincerely pray that this visionary program, established by His Majesty, may continue to flourish unaltered, serving as a beacon of guidance and inspiration for generations to come.

7. His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo has introduced the annual Royal Bhutan Flower Exhibition to enhance the beauty of Bhutan's cities and recently inaugurated Thimphu Changyul Park, creating an attractive space for the public to enjoy outdoor activities. With its scenic beauty and unique architecture, the park has quickly become a popular recreational space for people of all ages. The Parliament wishes to express its deep gratitude to His Majesty for these thoughtful initiatives and valuable contributions.
While such initiatives are ideally a collective responsibility of the government, His Majesty has undertaken them with genuine dedication. It is now crucial for government agencies

and districts to follow His Majesty's example.

- 8. On the momentous and auspicious year of the sixty-ninth Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, the revered father of our nation, the Parliament wishes to offer our sincere and heartfelt prayers for His continued well-being and long life. We also offer our deepest wishes for His Majesty's enduring success in all His noble endeavors and may His Majesty live until the end of time itself.
- 9. Under the wise and compassionate leadership of His Holiness the Je Khenpo, our revered Spiritual Masters, Abbots, *Truelkus*, and the entire *Dratshang*, with the esteemed religious community, have been undertaking profound and extensive religious rituals for the peace, harmony, and prosperity of our beloved nation. The Parliament, with the utmost humility and gratitude, expresses heartfelt thanks for these invaluable contributions.
- 10. On behalf of Parliament, I extend my congratulations to His Excellency, the Prime Minister, for his extensive foreign visits and engagements with bilateral and international development partners to strengthen existing collaborations and explore new opportunities. I also commend his participation in the United Nations General Assembly in New York, where he delivered keynote speeches, along with his success in greatly expanding cooperation and partnerships with key international institutions.
- 11. In alignment with the longstanding aspirations of the people of Bhutan and under the wise counsel and vision of His Majesty, an Integrated Check Post in Darranga, Samdrupjongkhar was opened on 7th November 2024, which stands as a testament to the enduring and profound friendship between the Governments of Bhutan and India. This new gateway is expected to greatly enhance trade, economic growth, and tourism throughout Bhutan, with remarkable benefits anticipated for the people of the six eastern provinces. The Parliament extends its sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the Government of India, with particular appreciation to the Chief Minister and esteemed officials of Assam State for bringing this project to fruition. The Parliament also expresses deep appreciation for the Prime Minister of Bhutan and all involved Bhutanese officials, whose commitment has played a crucial role in realizing this milestone.

12. Second Session of the Fourth Parliament of Bhutan will be deliberating on the following agenda items:

National Assembly's Legislative Bills

- 1. Goods and Service Tax (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan, 2024;
- 2. Cattle Tax Exemption Bill of Bhutan, 2024;
- 3. Parliamentary Entitlements (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan, 2024.

Review Reports

- 1. Annual Report of the Anti-Corruption Commission;
- 2. Action Taken Reports on the resolutions of the First Session;
- 3. Additionally, the committees will present a series of review reports and question hour sessions based on the daily business agenda.

Joint Sitting

- 1. Deliberation on Performance Audit Report of State Mining Corporation Limited, 2024.
- 13. This year, the Parliament was honored to participate in the 149th session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a global platform that brings together Speakers, Chairpersons, and legislators from around the world to deepen ties and promote the shared values of democracy and effective parliamentary governance.
 - In addition, some members of Parliament participated in the AFPPD Conference on Population and Development, while few engaged in meetings with the Parliamentary Association in Australia, enhancing parliamentary diplomacy and deepening cooperation both at the national and parliamentary levels.
- 14. In conclusion, with the blessings of the Triple Gem, the mighty grace of His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo, the Members of the Royal Family, collective merits of the people of Bhutan, I would like to offer prayers for the successful conclusion of the Second Session of the Fourth Parliament. The Parliament also offers its deep prayers for the long lives of His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo, Members of the Royal Family and His Holiness the Je-Khenpo including other reverends and for the continued peace and harmony among the people and the country.

Thank You