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Speech by Speaker Lungten Dorji at the Concluding Ceremony of Second Session of the Fourth Parliament of Bhutan (11.12.2024)

- 1. The second session of the Fourth Parliament formally concludes today on this auspicious day. On this momentous occasion marking the closing of this session, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and humbly welcome to His Majesty for gracing the closing ceremony despite numerous important responsibilities His Majesty has for the welfare of our state.
- 2. We would also like to extend a heartfelt welcome and express our deepest gratitude to Her Majesty the Gyaltsuen and the Royal Family. We also extend a warm welcome to senior government officials, foreign diplomats, dignitaries, representatives from the private sector, and all those who joined us today to witness this occasion.
- 3. Among the numerous projects initiated by His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo in Gelephu, religious projects include the construction of Dzongs, monasteries, stupas, and pilgrimage sites in Gelephu. The groundbreaking ceremonies for these projects have been blessed and supported by the Dharma Protectors of the Pelden Drukpa. Furthermore, His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo made an official visit to Nepal, where His Majesty visited the Phagpa Shingkuen and Jarungkhashor Stupa, offering butter lamps and prayers for the nation. The Parliament extends its heartfelt wishes and prayers for the successful completion of the Jarungkhashor Stupa to be built in Gelephu and the realization of His Majesty's visionary projects.
- 4. His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo, with a vision for the future, is committed to transforming the mindsets of Bhutanese youth to meet the challenges of both today and tomorrow. His Majesty's personal vision is to make Bhutanese youth capable and self-reliant, enabling them to serve the Tsa-Wa-Sum with loyalty and dedication. The three-month long Gyalsung training which began on 5 September this year, the first of its kind conducted simultaneously in four training academies, saw 2,001 youths complete their training on 3rd December with a passing out parade. Reflecting on the successful completion of the program:

Firstly, the young participants have received a comprehensive education, which has greatly enhanced their confidence and courage to serve the country. They have developed a sense of pride in themselves, and the experience has been truly transformative.

Secondly, during the momentous POP ceremony, amidst many profound and enlightening speeches delivered by His Majesty, one remarkable subject stood out about the Gyalsung program as a historic achievement of our beloved nation. This extraordinary discourse resonated deeply and an overwhelming sense of nostalgia, reverence, pride, and admiration swept through the audience, including the young graduates and citizens who watched the event on television.

At the grand POP ceremony, the youths proudly demonstrated a flawless parade before the Druk Gyalpo, a truly awe-inspiring display of discipline and unity. As the celebration unfolded, parents, siblings, and relatives gathered in admiration, their hearts swelling with pride as they witnessed

the remarkable capacity and exceptional skills of their children. The performance left them in utter amazement, as they marveled at the evident talents and extraordinary achievements on display. With deep reverence, the parents expressed their profound gratitude to His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo for providing such invaluable opportunities that have shaped their children's futures.

The esteemed Gyalsung program, a brilliant manifestation of the visionary leadership of the Druk Gyalpo, commenced with its inaugural cohort of 2,001 exceptional youths. As the program rolls out, the training duration will be further extended, and the number of participants will grow, amplifying its reach and impact. Bhutan's youth are truly privileged to be part of this monumental initiative, which is destined to offer immense and far-reaching benefits, shaping the future of the nation and empowering the next generation with unparalleled opportunities for growth and excellence.

For three months, Gyalsups have received training in basic military skills, national education, etiquette, sermons, leadership development, and essential life skills as part of the Gyalsung training program. They are now well-prepared and transformed, and as a result, the youth should be ready and willing to serve the Tsa wa sum.

- 5. Under the boundless wisdom and compassionate leadership of His Holiness the Je Khenpo, our venerable Spiritual Masters, *lamas* and *Truelkus*, and the members of the Dratshang and monastic community have been tirelessly performing a number of religious rituals to safeguard the peace, harmony, and prosperity of the nation and to avert pandemics, famines, strife, and wars. The Parliament offers deepest gratitude to the monastic community. Furthermore, we extend our profound gratitude to His Holiness the Je Khenpo for leading the sacred *Goenpo Yoed-Pag-May Drubchen* in Lhuentse Autsho and other rituals dedicated to the welfare of our beloved nation and its people.
- 6. I would like to submit a brief report on the deliberation of the Second Session of the Fourth Parliament as follows:

Bills:

- The Cattle Tax Exemption Bill has been passed by both Houses of Parliament and will be submitted for Royal Assent;
- The National Assembly (Amendment) Bill and the Marriage (Amendment) Bill will be proposed for deliberation in a joint sitting;
- Amendments to the Parliamentary Entitlements Act and the Pay Structure Reform Act have been referred to the Government for harmonization to remove duplicating clauses in the laws.

Reports:

- The Annual Report of the Anti-Corruption Commission for the year 2023-2024 was deliberated and recommendations adopted for the Government and relevant agencies to implement the resolutions. The House thoroughly discussed the research and review report presented by the Good Governance Committee, which focused on the economy, education, health, agriculture and national security, all aimed at promoting the welfare of the nation and the people.
- Four motions and four recommendations were deliberated and adopted, followed by question hours comprising 29 oral questions and 8 written questions, making a total of 37 questions asked to the Government.
- All of these are organized to prioritize the welfare of the country and its people, with MPs regarded as a key strategic component of the house.
- Discussions were held on five follow-up reports related to resolutions passed in the first session, as well as on the Royal Audit Authority's report during a Joint Sitting.
- 7. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Deputy Speaker, Secretary General, officers and staff of the National Assembly Secretariat, as well as to the Department of Procurement and Properties, the Royal Bhutan Police, and other security personnel and the media for their invaluable support and cooperation throughout this session.
- 8. The Second Session of the Fourth Parliament concluded successfully with the blessing of the Triple Gem and the wise guidance of His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo, the prayers of the monastic bodies and collective merits of the people of Bhutan. I would like to express my gratitude to all Members of Parliament for their unwavering support and cooperation throughout the session.
- 9. In conclusion, let us humbly unite our hearts and souls in collective prayer for the enduring sovereignty and security of our beloved country. May the eternal longevity, boundless happiness, and unmatched wisdom of His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo be blessed, along with the health and well-being of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, the revered Members of the Royal Family, His Holiness the Je Khenpo, and all esteemed religious figures. Let us pray fervently for the continued peace, prosperity, and happiness of our people. With deep reverence, let us offer our Trashi Moenlam and Zhapten to His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo, at the exalted seat of the Golden Throne, seeking divine blessings for His Majesty's continued glorious reign and everlasting peace and prosperity of our people.

Kadrinche!