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**Press Release**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Round of Boundary Talks between the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Government of the People's Republic of China was held in Thimphu on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013.

The Bhutanese delegation was led by Lyonpo Rinzin Dorje, Foreign Minister. The other members of the delegation were Dasho Pema Wangchuk, Secretary, International Boundaries, Foreign Secretary Yeshey Dorji, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Boundary Secretariat.

The Chinese delegation was led by Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Vice Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The two delegations expressed satisfaction with the talks and reaffirmed their commitment to resolve the boundary at the earliest through mutual consultation, understanding and accommodation on the basis of the Four Guiding Principles agreed to in 1988 and the 1998 Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility in the Bhutan-China Border Areas. The meeting agreed to conduct Joint Technical Field Survey in the first week of September in Pasamlung area in Bumthang.

During the visit, the Chinese delegation called on the Hon. Prime Minister and other senior officials of the Royal Government.

The Talks were held in a frank and cordial manner. It provided the opportunity for the two sides to better understand each other's positions on the issues related to boundary and in arriving at an early and amicable settlement of the boundary between the two countries.

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