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Press Release

At the invitation of the Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh, Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay will be on an official visit to India from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay will be accompanied by his spouse Aum Tashi Doma, Lyonpo Rinzin Dorji, Foreign Minister and other senior officials of the Royal Government.

During the visit, Lyonchhen will call on the President of India H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, and the Vice President of India H.E. Mr. Mohammad Hamid Ansari. Lyonchhen will also meet the Prime Minister of India H.E. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Salman Khurshid, Finance Minister H.E. Mr. P. Chidambaram, National Security Adviser H.E. Mr. Shivshankar Menon, Foreign Secretary H.E. Mrs. Sujatha Singh and other senior officials of the Government of India.

During the meetings with the Indian leaders, Lyonchhen will be discussing issues of mutual bilateral interests as well as Government of India's assistance to Bhutan's 11<sup>th</sup> Plan.

Lyonchhen will also travel to Hyderabad to visit IT Parks in Hitech City. While in Hyderabad Lyonchhen will meet the Governor of Andhra Pradesh H.E. Mr. ESL Narasimhan.

Regular exchange of high-level visits between Bhutan and India is a well-established tradition which plays a vital role in nurturing Indo-Bhutan relations. Lyonchhen's visit will further strengthen the close ties of friendship and understanding between the two countries.

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