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PRESS RELEASE

BHUTAN AT THE 68TH SESSION OF THE UNGA

1. Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs, Lyonpo Rinzin Dorje, is leading Bhutan's delegation to the 68th Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.
2. The 68th Session of the UNGA, will serve as a prelude to the start of intergovernmental negotiations on the Post 2015 Development Agenda, including the next set of global development goals. In the past year, the global agenda has been dominated by discussions on the framework for international development priorities after 2015. This new development framework will succeed the MDGs which conclude in December 2015. Firmly grounded on sustainable development, the Post 2015 Development Agenda will set the parameters and goals for development cooperation and partnerships for the next 15 years.
3. The Foreign Minister will participate in the General Debate of the Session, and is scheduled to address the Assembly on 30th September 2013. While in New York, Lyonpo will participate in a number of parallel high level events conducted under the aegis of the UN including, the General Assembly's Special Event on Achievement of the MDGs, the XIII Meeting of Ministers of Least Developed Countries, the XII Annual Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Land Locked Developing Countries, the 37th Annual Meeting of Foreign Minister of the G77&China, and the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Non Aligned Movement. Lyonpo is also scheduled to participate in the UN Treaty Signing Event to deposit the Royal Government's Instrument of Ratification/Accession to the Nagoya Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity.



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