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The Food and Agriculture Organization Country (FAO) Representative to Bhutan Mr. Somsak Pipoppinyo presented his credentials to the Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs, Lyonpo Rinzin Dorje, at a ceremony conducted at the Gyalong Tshokhang on 22 October 2013.

Mr. Pipoppinyo holds a PhD in Aquatic Environment and Aquatic Management from the Auburn University, Alabama, United States. He was appointed FAO Representative in Nepal in April 2013 and is concurrently accredited to Bhutan. Mr. Pipoppinyo is a Thai national. He succeeded Ms. Bui Thi Lan.

The RGoB and FAO partnership started in 1973 with FAO executing the UNDP-funded development projects before Bhutan became a member of the FAO in 1981. The FAO-RGoB partnership started with projects and activities related to on-ground development activities, but gradually shifted towards technical support, information exchange, regional collaborative programs, pilot activities, emergency supports, legislation and policy support programs. FAO has also been instrumental in supporting Bhutan during the bird flu outbreaks through technical and financial support to effectively contain the outbreaks of HPAI in the country.

The FAO Country Office in Thimphu was established in 1985. It is headed by Mr. Chadho Tenzin, Asst. Representative.

Thimphu, 21 October 2013

