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RGOB COMMEMORATES UNITED NATIONS DAY

1. Hon'ble Tshogpon Jigme Zangpo, Ministers, Secretaries, Members of Parliament, government officials and officials from the international community commemorated UN Day with the lighting of 1000 butter lamps at the Tashichho Dzong today, followed by prayers for world peace and prosperity. October 24th has been celebrated internationally as United Nations Day since 1948.
2. In his address to the gathering, while noting that this year marks the 70th Anniversary since the entry into force of the UN Charter, Hon'ble Tshogpon said that "the international community can look back and reflect on the impressive and unprecedented achievements forged collectively through the UN over the course of the past seven decades, which have brought great benefits to millions of people around the world." He recognised that the UN's achievements "have contributed to the safer and more secure world we live in today. These successes also demonstrate why Bhutan, as a small, least developed and land locked country, is convinced that the UN and multilateralism, remain so indispensable."
3. Hon'ble Tshogpon said that "GNH has long proven to us in Bhutan that the happiness and prosperity of current and successive generations lie in a more sustainable world, encompassing the pillars of development, economy and environment. We also know that our shared prosperity and continued tranquility rests in our ability and willingness to meet common challenges through deeper global cooperation and effective multilateralism."
4. On the occasion of this milestone Anniversary, Hon'ble Tshogpon, on behalf of the Royal Government, renewed Bhutan's commitment to support the United Nations' mandate, expressed appreciation to the United Nations and their staff for their dedicated support, cooperation and friendship extended to the Government and people, and reaffirmed the theme of this year's UN Day, "Strong UN. Better World!"
5. In commemoration, the United Nations has organised the "Turn the World UN Blue" campaign which aims to light up selected landmarks around the world in the UN colour blue on the UN Day. As part of the campaign, the National Memorial Chorten, built in memory of His Late Majesty King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, and a key landmark of Thimphu city, will be illuminate in blue.

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