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PRESS RELEASE

On 11 November 2015, the Royal Bhutanese Embassy and the Bhutanese Community in Dhaka, consisting of embassy officials, graduate and undergraduate students, and Bhutanese working in international organizations, joined the Nation in celebrating the 60th Birth Anniversary of our beloved Druk Gyal Zhipa, His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck.

Led by Kutshab Pema Choden, the day began by offering *tsether* of 60 kgs of fish at 6 AM in the morning followed by a gathering at the Embassy premises to celebrate this auspicious day. In her address to the gathering, Kutshab reminded everyone about the selfless contributions of His Majesty Druk Gyal Zhipa in service of the nation and its people and urged everyone to work to the best of their abilities to show our gratitude. The gathering also joined the nation in offering zhapten for His Majesty Druk Gyal Zhipa, which was followed by cultural programs, games, and lunch.

Kutshab also launched a booklet published by the Royal Bhutan Embassy in collaboration with the Bhutanese Students Association in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, South Korea and Pakistan, containing Poems, Essays and Art work to commemorate the 60th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty Drukgyal Zhipa. The booklet has also been uploaded on the official website of the 60th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of His Majesty Druk Gyal Zhipa. It can be accessed on the following link:

<http://www.drukgyalzhipaat60.bt/DhakaEmbassyBook.pdf>

Apart from the gathering organized today, the Royal Bhutanese Embassy organized the following events in the month leading up to 11 November 2015:

1. 5 day Bhutanese Film Festival from 2-6 October 2015 at the Bangladesh National Museum in Dhaka.
2. *Sa Lha Tendrel* ceremony, on 31 October 2015, of the new plot gifted to Bhutan by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for construction of the

Embassy premises. The *Sa Lha* was performed by Venerable Sangay Dorji, Leytshog Lopen of the Zhung Dratshang in the presence of Tengye Lyonpo Norbu Wangchuk.

3. Gathering with the Bhutanese Students Association in Chittagong, Bangladesh on 5 November 2015. Chittagong has the maximum number of Bhutanese students pursuing their higher education in Bangladesh and the students were extremely happy to be part of the historic national celebrations.

In continuation to these activities, the Royal Bhutanese Embassy will coordinate a film festival at 4 Universities in Sri Lanka which have significant numbers of Bhutanese students. The Embassy will also host gatherings of Bhutanese community and students in the cities of Colombo and Peradeniya, Sri Lanka on 14 and 15 November 2015.



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