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11th Annual Consultation between Bhutan and Japan on Economic Cooperation, New Delhi

The 11th Annual Consultations between Bhutan and Japan on Economic Cooperation took place in New Delhi on 23 August 2016. Ambassador Kesang Wangdi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs led the Bhutanese delegation comprising of officials from the Gross National Happiness Commission, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, National Land Commission, Bhutan Telecom Limited, and the Royal Bhutanese Embassy, New Delhi. The Japanese side was led by Mr. Kenko Sone, Minister (Economic and Development), Embassy of Japan, New Delhi and officials from the JICA Bhutan Office including Mr. Koji Yamada, Chief Representative, JICA Bhutan Office.

The two sides exchanged views on the status of Japanese Assistance to Bhutan, the progress of the 11th Five Year Plan, Preparation status of the 12th Five Year Plan, Bilateral Development Assistance Needs Survey and other issues of mutual interest.

The Annual Consultations between Bhutan and Japan on Economic Cooperation which was instituted in 2006 serves as a meaningful and purposeful avenue for the two governments to review and exchange views on bilateral economic cooperation. The 11th Consultations was held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. The two sides reviewed on the ongoing projects and deliberated on the prioritized projects submitted by the Royal Government. The two sides viewed the Consultation as being focused, meaningful and successful.

Speaking at the Consultation, Ambassador Kesang Wangdi conveyed the appreciation of the Royal Government of Bhutan to the Government of Japan for its steadfast support to Bhutan's development for many years which has contributed to improving the quality of life of the Bhutanese people. He also conveyed the deep appreciation of the government and people of Bhutan to the government and people of Japan for their continued generous assistance and friendship.

H.E. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan hosted a lunch in honour of the Bhutanese delegation at the Japanese Embassy, New Delhi.

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