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Signing Ceremony of Exchange of Notes under the Japanese Grant Aid for the Project for Improvement of Farm Machinery for Hiring Services of Tillage

Ambassador V. Namgyel of Bhutan and Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu of Japan signed the Exchange of Notes under the Japanese Grant Aid 'The Project for Improvement of Farm Machinery for Hiring Services of Tillage' on 18 October 2016 in New Delhi. The grant which amounts to 250 million Yen will provide 353 power tillers to Bhutan.

Speaking at the signing ceremony held at the Japanese Embassy in New Delhi, Ambassador V. Namgyel conveyed the appreciation of the Royal Government of Bhutan to the Government of Japan for its steadfast support and generous assistance to Bhutan's development. He said that this project will help in improving the livelihood of our farmers of Bhutan and further enhance the food security for the people through improved agriculture productivity.

Ambassador V. Namgyel said that as Bhutan and Japan celebrates the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, this project stands as yet another important testimony of the excellent ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. He said that Bhutan has benefitted greatly from Japanese assistance in many areas of development and conveyed the deep appreciation of the Royal Government and people of Bhutan to the Government and people of Japan for their continued assistance and friendship.

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