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2017 is a special year for the Organization of the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) as it marks the 20th Anniversary of its establishment and also the 20th Anniversary of the entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the OPCW and the entry into force of the Chemical weapons Convention (CWC) on 11 December, 2017 by lighting 1000 butter lamps at the National Memorial Chorten.

The OPCW is the implementing agency for the CWC which entered into force on 29 April 1997. Its mission is to implement the provisions of the CWC to achieve a world free of chemical weapons. The OPCW received the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of its efforts to eliminate chemical weapons.

Bhutan supports all efforts to promote general and complete disarmament. As a State Party to the CWC, and as a responsible member of the international community, Bhutan is committed to further the efforts of the OPCW to rid the world of chemical weapons and to prevent its production.

Bhutan acceded to the CWC on 18 August, 2005.



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