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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Subject: Official Visit of H.E. Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha (Retd.), Prime Minister of Kingdom of Thailand to Bhutan from 19 – 20 July 2018.**

At the invitation of Prime Minister *Dasho* Tshering Tobgay, H.E. Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand will pay an official visit to Bhutan from 19 – 20 July 2018. The Prime Minister of Thailand will be accompanied by his spouse, Associate Professor Naraporn Chan-o-cha, H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Senior Officials of the Royal Thai Government.

The visit is taking place in the tradition of regular exchange of high-level visits between the two countries. This is the first official visit to Bhutan by H.E. Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha. The Prime Minister of Thailand will receive an Audience with His Majesty the King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. Bhutan and Thailand enjoy warm and cordial relations. The two Kingdoms established formal diplomatic relations in November 1989.

The official visit of the Prime Minister of Thailand marks an important milestone in the close and friendly relations between the two Kingdoms. The visit provides impetus to the strong ties of friendship, goodwill between the Royal Families, Governments, Leaders and the Peoples of the two Kingdoms.

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