Travel Advisory for Bhutanese Nationals

It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that several Bhutanese pilgrims have been stopped from entering Nepal as they were carrying only Bhutanese Citizenship Identity Card which is not recognized as travel document except in India. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, therefore would like to notify all Bhutanese Citizens travelling to Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and all other countries other than India must carry a Bhutanese Passport with a minimum of six (6) months validity.

All travelers are reminded that they will be subject to the respective countries Visa and immigration regulations.

As far as possible, travellers should carry photocopies of the travel documents, tickets and passport photos.

Further, in case of emergencies such as loss of passport, medical and other emergencies, public are advised to contact the nearest Royal Bhutanese Embassies or Consulate at the following;

- 1. Royal Bhutanese Embassy, New Delhi, Telephone No.: +91-11-26889230/9807/9809 (Office Hours) or Mr. Dawa Tshering (Head of Chancery) at mobile No.: 9650611788
- Consul General, Royal Bhutanese Consulate, Kolkata, Telephone No: +91-33-25593676/22902628 (Office Hours) or Mr. Pema Tobgay (Vice Consul) at Mobile No.: 9073791733
- 3. Royal Bhutanese Embassy, Dhaka, Telephone No. 00880-2-8826863/8827160 (Office Hours) or Mr. Kalden Dorji (First Secretary) at Mobile No.: 08801819248823
- Mr. Pema Wangyel, Deputy Chief of Protocol at mobile No.: +975- 17608351 or email: <u>pwangyel@mfa.gov.bt</u> or Mr. Wangchuk, Protocol Officer at Mobile No.: +975-17603876 /e-mail: <u>wangchuk@mfa.gov.bt</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thimphu. For more information please log on to Ministry's website at <u>www.mfa.gov.bt</u>.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thimphu