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PRESS RELEASE

The Royal Government of Bhutan commemorated the 73rd anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Organisation on 24th October 2018 with the lighting of 1000 butter lamps in the Kuenray of Tashichho Dzong. The day is popularly termed as the UN Day.

Dasho Penjore, Adviser to the Interim Government, graced the occasion as the guest of honour. The event was attended by Advisers of the Interim Government, Member of the Parliament and Judiciary, senior government officials, officials of the United Nations, and members of the diplomatic community.

Since its establishment on 24th October 1945, the United Nations Organization has been promoting international peace and security, protecting Human Rights, delivering Humanitarian Aid, promoting Sustainable Development and upholding International Law. Bhutan became a member of the United Nations on 21st September 1971 and since then has been committed to promoting peace and happiness.

Dasho Penjore, in his statement at that event conveyed that Bhutan remains committed to the Charter of the UN and the goal of promoting international peace and security. He also highlighted the continued relevance of United Nations and multilateralism and the important role it has to play in addressing several existing and emerging global challenges. Dasho Penjore highlighted the contributions made by the UN agencies in Bhutan's development journey and today Bhutan is on the verge of graduating to a middle income country. On behalf of the Royal Government, Dasho Penjore conveyed its appreciation to the United Nations for their development partnership and to the UN staff that have lived and worked in Bhutan.



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