



Technicians drill into a mud-rammed wall to draw samples to be used to determine the level of earthquake resistance of traditional buildings

Construction

Testing traditional structures for quality

Tshering Palden

The techniques employed to build traditional buildings are increasingly being put under the scanner.

Department of Culture engineers and researchers from Japan are questioning if they are earthquake resistant.

The mud-rammed traditional buildings are being tested for earthquake resistance.

In the fifth test, researchers pulled down two walls in Depsi, Thimphu. The structure resembled the ground floor of a traditional house and was built three months ago. Officials from disaster management, engineering services, and culture departments observed the tests.

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Policy

New name for BOiC

The new SOE will still have to wait for the SME banking regulation

Tshering Dorji

The Business Information and Opportunity Centre (BOiC) is likely to be transformed into the Rural Enterprise Development Corporation, a state enterprise.

However, the former has to hang on for a while because the transition requires a regulation for SME banking, which is obligatory for the SOE to obtain a financial license.

The economic affairs minister Lekey Dorji said while the concept for the new SOE has been formed, the central bank will have to come up with a regulation to implement.

"Rural Enterprise Development Corporation will be the new name of

the SOE," he said.

During the dzongdag conference last week, the Prime Minister also announced that similar to the Better Business Council, a better business committee would be constituted in the dzongkhags. With dzongdags as ex-officio chairpersons, the committee can approve projects worth Nu 5 million (M).

Until the Royal Monetary Authority has a small medium enterprise banking regulation, the Bhutan Development Bank will deal with the financing of projects under the Revolving Fund (RF) I as an interim measure, while the BOiC will continue with the RF II.

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IN BRIEF

CAB annual general meeting

» Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay will chair the annual general meeting of the Construction Association of Bhutan at the Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry hall today. The three-day meeting of contractors will end tomorrow.

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Transport

Committee to be formed to review transport issues

Tempa Wangdi

A committee will be formed to address national transport issues through improved co-ordination in transport policy and planning, it was decided at the second high level Transport Coordination Meeting held yesterday at Ministry of Works and Human Settlement (MoWHS).

The committee will review and explore the possibility of having one common transport policy to guide the currently disjointed transport sector.

"What we have in fact agreed is that a committee will be formed and a terms of reference (ToR), which encompasses all the stakeholders will be drafted by the agencies," Ministry of Information and Communications (MoIC) minister DN Dhungyel said. "As per that ToR the committee is going to work."

Since ToR is going to be the determining factor of the effectiveness of the committee, the MoIC minister suggested involving all stakeholders. The ToR will be drafted by representatives from relevant stakeholders such as the Department of Roads, Road Safety and Transport Authority, thromde and the policy planning divisions of MoIC and MoWHS. "If at all required you might as well have a meeting. Then only the ToR should be drafted," the minister said.

The ToR would cover the policy, implementation and financial aspect, which will be the basis for the committee to work. The ToR will be based on the outcome of yesterday's meeting.

"We see disjointed activities everywhere. Now this meeting is merely to make it more connected and viable to make sure that all the agencies involved work together trying to bring out a long lasting solution," Lyonpo DN Dhungyel said.

A brief write up from MoWHS stated that the transport sector despite being the enabler of development for other sectors is highly disjointed with no one lead agency to take up the strategic role in its development. "Components of transport sector are scattered amongst several stakeholders like transport while policy is with MoIC/Road Safety and Transport Authority, urban transport planning is with Local Government/thromdes," the report stated.

The roads are with Department of Roads. Tunnels and dry ports are with the Ministry of Economic Affairs and highway inspections are entrusted to the traffic police. "For a long time none of the agencies took up alternate modes of transport such as ropeways and waterways effectively."

Urban transport especially in Thimphu and Phuntsholing is confronted with challenges with an increasing number of Bhutanese moving to the urban areas. Subsequent increase in rates of vehicles is exerting pressure on urban environment such as land use, emissions, congestion and noise.

While measures were taken, they proved insufficient and difficult to sustain, which necessitated the need for more collaboration and effort to im-

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prove urban mobility.

"We saw lot of fragmented responsibilities among different ministries, agencies, thromdes but transport as you all see is an emerging issue," MoWHS minister Dorji Choden said. "Even environmentally it is emerging as one of the main pollutants. For Bhutan transport sector is the main con-

tributor to pollution."

"We are important stakeholders and we need to do something to collaborate and coordinate on important issues of transport," Lyonpo Dorji Choden said.

The meeting was aimed to come up with one ideal common transport policy to guide the sector, one legal instrument (Act) to govern the sector and one masterplan to guide effective implementation.

Secondly, the high level meeting also intended to streamline functions among agencies by addressing duplication of efforts and ironing out inconsistencies in the RST Act 1999 and Road Act 2013. The meeting also aims at working towards structural re-organisation in the 12th Plan by placing

key transport mandates with one ministry, which is currently lacking.

The meeting is also aimed to improve urban transport in Thimphu by understanding existing policy, strategies, programmes and discoursing on the issues, gaps and solutions for effective coordination.

The outcome of the meeting will help develop a masterplan identifying gaps and consolidating existing programmes and resources to frame clear implementation strategies with a time frame. The meeting will also help mobilise resources to implement infrastructure development plans within the thromde.

The next step will be the MoWHS and MoIC PPDs meeting to draft the ToR for the policies.

Testing traditional structures for quality

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Engineers used a backhoe to bring down the wall to record the strength of earthquake that it would withstand. The samples from the walls were taken for lab tests.

The culture department has a project, Bhutan: Improving Resilience to Seismic Risk with funding of USD 1.285 million from the Japanese government through the World Bank. The project completes next year.

One of the components of the project is to improve seismic resilience of traditional Bhutanese buildings.

There is no information or research on mud-rammed buildings, culture department officials said. There is no empirical data or research to show the properties of the materials.

The department's officiating director, Nagtsho Dorji,

said that such research is also necessary to preserve and improve upon the culture of the country.

"Of the numerous methods that are there, we're looking for the best combination of techniques and technology to build strong buildings," Nagtsho Dorji said. Without documenting through research, such culture could be lost forever, she added.

After completion of the policy and human resource development project, the department will publish a guideline for improved earthquake resilient construction techniques for mud-rammed structures in the country. It also includes the training of the technical personnel and the craftsmen.

The department conducted a three-year study in 2012 on traditional mud-rammed structures and construction

practices in local context. It was found that there is not much information on this type of construction.

The department's typology study in Punakha, Paro, Wangdue, and Haa identified architectural designs, construction techniques and damage patterns.

Last year, a test was carried out on the structures of Paga Lhakhang in Chukha in 2012. Two further tests were carried out in the same year.

"This is the third test, and we've plans to carry out more," said the project's focal person, Phuntsho Wangmo. "This pull down test is limited to the actual representation of the behaviour of the building and we will have to carry out many more tests."

The department is working on establishing an advanced laboratory with equipment for specialised tests.

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Water

Lack of water leaves villagers worried

Nima Wangdi

As changla (paddy transplantation) season begins, people of Wengkhang in Langthel, Trongsa are worried about the irrigation channel that was destroyed due to Rephay-Koshala bypass road construction.

Department of Roads (DoR) is in the process of constructing a new irrigation channel, which will draw the same stream from above the new road.

Chief engineer with Department of Roads in Trongsa, Tougay Choedup, said: "We were in the process of constructing the new irrigation channel but had to leave half way since people did not want it." He added that the destruction of the irrigation channel has not hampered cultivation as DoR managed to help people get water.

However, the villagers of

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Dangdung and Wengkhang express their concerns. They said that the new channel would not be of great benefit for them.

Namgay Wangdi from Dangdung said that Bur-gangchhu from where the water will be channelled dries up as people share it from two points before it reaches their fields.

"With the previous irrigation channel, many tributaries joined the stream from below the road even if the stream from the source became small. It was enough for paddy cultivation," said Namgay Wangdi. He added that it would be of great help to the people if DoR main-



Debris from road construction has blocked the water going to the irrigation channel

tains the old channel too.

Namgay Wangdi said the debris from the road construction has covered some other water sources too. He said that there used to be another stream, which was used for chilli cultivation and to feed the cattle.

Dangdung chiwog Tshogpa Lhundup said that people had to pipe the water as a temporary measure. Falling debris continues to destroy the pipes. "People have to keep on maintaining the pipes."

The tshogpa said that

the DoR tried several time to clear the irrigation channel but they failed. "Due to this problem, many people in the village have left their fields fallow."

Chimi Namgay from Dangdung said that people have no option than to leave their fields fallow. "There used to be many people interested to sharecrop in the past years. Now people have resorted to leaving them fallow."

Villagers also said that Finance Minister Namgay Dorji and National Council member Tharchen visited

the site and instructed DoR to construct a new irrigation channel and to repair the old one.

However, DoR officials maintain that Lyonpo had instructed them to only construct a new one.

Lyonpo Namgay Dorji said that verification was carried out and people's complaints were found to be true.

"Based on this, I requested DoR to place a pipe over the wall they were constructing for the road as it would ease the lives of the people," Lyonpo said.

New name for BOiC

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The RF-II has a ceiling of Nu 100,000 and is mainly for farmers to help them with small enterprises such as dairy, poultry and piggyery, among others. RF-I pertains to manufacturing sector of small and medium scale.

As of March, 235 projects under RF I have been approved, most of them small and medium enterprises worth Nu 426M. Of the total approved projects, 142 have started implementation for which Nu 190M has been disbursed.

In RF II, BOiC has approved 1,839 projects worth Nu 167. Of the total approved projects, 1,019 are under implementation for which Nu 167 M has been disbursed.

On the contrary, the Opposition Party maintains that the public finance Act does not allow government to form an SOE except on the grounds of carrying out social security

or in areas of natural monopoly.

The Act also states that for a budgetary government body, unless there is a compelling reason to deliver goods and services in a commercial environment, such activities should be handed over to an existing enterprise.

The opposition is of the view that there are institutions and agencies like the BDBL, the Department of Small and Cottage Industries and other financial institutions that can manage the fund more efficiently and transparently with the help of local governments.

In November last year, the Cabinet decided to close down BOiC to institute a special financial agency as a state enterprise, to continue providing collateral free loans at four percent.

BOiC was established as part of the government's economic stimulus plan with an injection of Nu 1.9 billion (B).



ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE - ANNOUNCEMENT

The Royal Thimphu College is pleased to announce the inception workshop for the prestigious Wenner Gren Institutional Development Grant that the College has been honoured with for the next five years. As part of the inception workshop, two world renowned scholars will be giving notable lectures:

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Wednesday May 11th, 5:30 pm, Tarayana Centre Hall

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The BBIN debate

Arguments about the merit and demerits of the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal (BBIN) motor vehicle agreement are flying back and forth.

The main arguments against the agreement include the possibility of Bhutan getting swamped by large numbers of vehicles both private and commercial from Bangladesh and Nepal.

We are not talking about India because even if the BBIN agreement is ratified, our existing arrangement with India will stand. Both Bhutanese and Indian private vehicles can continue to cross the border and travel freely. There is no cap on the number of vehicles that cross over. Commercial vehicles, like trucks, buses, and taxis will stop at the border, with the exception of our public buses going on till Siliguri and Kolkata.

Now, if the BBIN agreement is ratified, we can expect to see traffic from Bangladesh and Nepal as well. While the numbers of vehicles, both private and commercial, that will be permitted annually has not yet been determined, there are still fears that our road infrastructure will be overwhelmed, the environment will be harmed, and our taxi and trucking businesses lost.

We can understand why such concerns arise. Bhutan is a small country with a small market.

But we must also understand that the numbers of vehicles that will be permitted has not yet been decided.

Therefore, it is hoped that when negotiating the protocols, the number of private vehicles that will be permitted is kept to a minimum.

We are also aware that the government is trying to convince Bangladesh and Nepal to halt their passenger and commercial vehicles at our border, similar to our arrangement with India. The government claims to have already reached some kind of agreement with the two countries. According to the government, the two countries have agreed to halt their commercial vehicles at our border but still allow our commercial vehicles into their countries.

If the government pulls this off, it will be a significant achievement that should not prevent us from ratifying the agreement.

Ratification of the agreement depends on the protocols worked out and which are likely to be finalised only next year. This raises the possibility that the agreement may not be ratified in the upcoming session of Parliament.

Integrating regions seems to be the future. Many point to the EU as a shining example.

Therefore, a question we must ask ourselves is whether we're simply putting off the inevitable.

But what is most important as we go ahead is to ensure that local economic and social concerns are taken into account when the protocols of the agreement are determined. If this takes another year or two, so be it.

It is commendable that the government and the opposition have been repeatedly meeting the people to discuss the agreement. We need more such discussions before reaching an agreement.

MY COUNTRY, MY TOWN



The sign made me do it! A case of taking things too literally?

Photo by Mon Bahadur Rai

MY SAY

Identifying the right way to the right issues

Sir,
The statistics says it all and we also believe in it that alcohol and drugs are the mothers of all causes in the world of youth-related crimes. On many occasions, the statistics will probably also suggest that both criminals and victims are youth only.

But before alcohol and drugs as addictions causing our youth to commit crimes, there come the frustrations of all kinds. The reality today is that our youths are getting frustrated too often and very easily. We don't need a lot of analysis to understand the fact that triggering crime thorough frustration is much easier.

There was time when even I thought that all youth-related frustrations are only about relating to society and economics. But we also have the family-related causes to

consider. If the family comes before society, we expect the entire family to be happy and without any frustrating forces to disturb the peace.

Our youths have also started to lose their peace of mind. And on many occasions, the struggles and competitions of today's busy and difficult lives have left them filled with frustration and void of peace. And this is also true that on many such cases only we can fix the frustrations, disturbances and pains of our respective minds.

Sad part is that alcohol and drug abuse don't help us in doing just that. It can also leave us in positions where we can practice neither the physical nor the mental minimal exercises that can help to free our minds from so many of those disturbing forces. We have stopped being religious in the mind when only the

rituals have remained as strong cultures.

Even in something as scientific as human psychology, we are getting restricted and limited to the mere ritual of matching historical causes as knowledge with individual behaviours to understand problems.

So when our youth see someone drinking or doing drugs as remedy for only his right or wrong needs, they simply follow the trait as some style that eventually becomes a culture of unwanted addictions. Good thing is that we all know the solutions and causes.

Hopefully, we all will learn to identify the right way to the right set of problems and everything will be well matched and balanced.

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Civic sense

The cleanest gewog in Pemagatshel

Yangchen C Rinzin |
Nganglam

The villagers of Choekhorling plan to make their gewog the cleanest in Pemagatshel.

This follows another achievement. The gewog was recently awarded a certification of appreciation by the health ministry for achieving 100 percent toilet coverage. There are 11 gewogs in Pemagatshel.

Encouraged by the recognition, the entire community has decided to keep their surrounding environment clean as well.

It can be observed that the initiative, which began in February, has been successful.

Not a single PET bottle or other kinds of plastic wrappers can be seen littering the paths and roads in Choekhorling in Nganglam dungkhag today.

Instead, there are trash disposal areas constructed at regular intervals. When vil-

They have also decided and agreed to levy a fine of Nu 50 for dumping trash in open spaces and Nu 200, for missing the cleaning campaign

lagers come across any trash on the ground, they dispose them into the trash disposal areas.

Villagers said that even if they do not have anything to offer visitors, they can at least provide a clean environment.

To make sure the initiative succeeds, the communities conduct a cleaning campaign every month. They have also decided and agreed to levy a fine of Nu 50 for dumping trash in open spaces and Nu 200, for missing the cleaning campaign.

An unofficial cooperative has been formed called the Choekhorling Tsangda Tshogpa. Mangmi Jigme who



Villagers take part in regular clean up campaigns

is also its deputy chairman said they are working to include schools, health and village health workers. He said almost all the villagers in the six chiwogs are involved.

"We are trying to give importance to the environment and take care of it after becoming aware of the importance of clean environment

and pollution," he said. "We don't even burn the plastic wastes now and we dispose it underground but sometimes burn the paper wastes."

The villagers plan to sell both glass and PET bottles to scrap dealers once enough has been collected so that the villagers can use the money for the community

whenever needed.

The villagers also keep a close watch among themselves and secretly appoint a villager to keep an eye out for violators.

"Our initiative might sounds unrealistic, but we villagers have pledged to keep our environment clean," Jigme said.

Agriculture

Minor army-worm outbreak in Punakha

Dawa Gyelmo | Punakha

Unlike last year, only a few farmers from the three gewogs of Guma, Baap, and Toep have reported minor outbreaks of army-worm.

In 2015, 11 gewogs in Punakha were affected by an army-worm outbreak.

The farmers reported the minor outbreaks last month and were provided with chemicals, said the dzongkhag's senior agriculture officer NB Adhikari.

Since the weather is mostly dry with little rainfall, it is favorable for the caterpillars to multiply and

spread. However, he said unlike previous years the problem is minor at present. Various other control measures are also being pursued to minimise the impact of the minor outbreaks.

However, the senior agriculture officer said they discourage farmers from using chemicals and advise them to use it only as the last resort. "We are trying to control through manual methods, for example like hand picking of worms and culture habits like feeding worms to chickens or burying it in the soil," he said.

Farmers were also en-

couraged to adopt habits such as cleaning the surrounding areas of their fields, as it would help minimise the chances of the army-worm spreading. It would also mean that pesticides that can harm the environment would not have to be imported and used.

He said even to control other pests, they encourage people to adopt local methods such as using garlic and zanthoxylum, a tree that fruits Sichuan pepper, during training sessions for the farmers.

No outbreaks of army-worm have been reported in

Gasa. However, they said the dzongkhag is being alerted. Last year Yemina village in Khamana gewog reported an outbreak of army-worm. However, it was controlled using organic pesticides.

The National Plant Protection Centre has already alerted Paro, Wangdue, Dagona, Gasa, Trongsa, Punakha, Lhuntse Pemagatshel and Tsirang about the army-worm outbreak.

According to the NPPC, the prolonged dry weather followed by heavy rainfall is likely to become favorable for an outbreak of army-worms. The centre has ad-

vised dzongkhag agriculture officers to carry out regular monitoring particularly of maize fields and paddy nurseries to assist farmers to implement control measures on time.

The dzongkhags were provided with pheromone traps to carry out regular monitoring of army-worm. The centre also maintains a stock of chemicals should there be an outbreak.

NB Adhikari said gewog extension staff collect chemicals from NPPC, Thimphu according to farmer's requirements.

Rains douse raging forest fires in Nepal



Almost a month-long battle against fires burning forests across the country, which took lives and destroyed property, has ended, thanks to divine intervention.

The fire incidents that got intense from mid-March spread over 72 districts, destroying around 3.5 million hectares of forest and leaving at least 12 people dead. The active pre-monsoon phase since early this week that brought scattered rains and thundershowers, particularly in the hills and mountainous regions along with some

places in western Tarai, provided much needed relief in the affected areas.

Bushfires - which were recorded between 320 and 350 in the past week - fell to zero on Friday and Saturday due to the rains, satellite images showed.

A total of 352 active forest fires across 50 districts were reported on May 1, followed by 40 on May 2, 26 on May 3 and 1 on May 4. The satellite images shared by the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration showed no traces of blaze in the past

two days.

The forest authorities were praying for rains to douse the flames as the government did not have efficient means to control the blazes.

Fires are reported across the country between February and May, and peak during March and April every year. This year, the prolonged dry spell and windy conditions resulted in one of the worst cases of forest fire in more than a decade.

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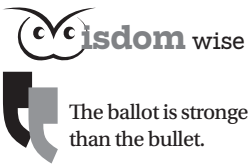
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Vendetta.

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Every family cultivates its vendetta; every clan, its feud.

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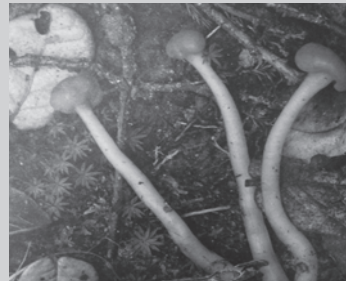
History

Jamgon Ngawang Gyeltshen

Shortly after his return, he went to Chokor Rabtense Dzong in Trongsa, to install another *gotor*. Following that, he returned to the capital. *Gyalse* Tenzin Rabgye was delivering various teachings to the monk body when Jamgon reached Punakha, so Jamgon also received all teachings related to the Drukpa Order from him at that time.

Fungi of Bhutan

No local name known



Scientific name:

Leotia lubrica

- The species is not toxic but very tiny to be of any interest
- Is found in gregarious and terrestrial habitat among mosses
- It is characterised by a yellowish, viscid (when moist) cap with an enrolled margin
- The stem is concolorous with the cap but usually brighter and is finely scaled

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Global Citizenship



Discrimination is absolutely an evil. Those whose minds are so distorted injure the lives of others as well as themselves. Attempting to locate the "roots" of one's identity in a particular racial or ethnic group is an illusion. It is like a mirage in the desert. Such a sense of identity only heightens distinctions between self and others, and becomes an underlying cause of conflict and strife. What is needed today is a common sense of our deeper human identity that can be shared by all. When we change the way we see ourselves as human beings, everything will change. - *Daisaku Ikeda*

MEDICAL Terminologies

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Newly found photo gives clues to final days of Japan's loyal dog

A photograph has recently been found in which the famously faithful dog Hachi can be seen wearing a harness bearing the name "Hachi-go."

The photo is on display at the Shibuya Folk and Literary Shirane Memorial Museum in Shibuya Ward, Tokyo. Many surviving photos show Hachi wearing a harness, but this is the first one to be found showing his name on it. "It's a precious record of the last stage of Hachi-ko's life," a museum official said.

Known as the "faithful dog Hachi-ko," Hachi is commemorated by a bronze statue in front of JR Shibuya Station.

In September last year, an official of the museum sorted documents and records in a storage room and found a black-and-white photo with a note attached inside an old album.

According to the note, the photo was taken around 1934, about a year before Hachi's death, in front of the Matsumoto restaurant that was to the east of Shibuya Station.

Museum officials said the photo was donated to the Shibuya Ward Office in 1991 by a person related to the restaurant.

In the photo, Hachi is lying on his belly on the ground in front of a building. A metal plate attached to the harness shows letters reading "Hachi-go."

Officials of the museum cross-checked the image with the real harness worn by the stuffed Hachi, which is owned by the National Museum of Nature and Science in Taito Ward, Tokyo. The plate shown in the photo was confirmed to be that of the real harness.

Hachi belonged to Prof.

Hidesaburo Ueno of the University of Tokyo's Faculty of Agriculture. After Ueno died, Hachi was adopted by Kikuzaburo Kobayashi, a gardener who lived in Shibuya Ward.

It is believed that the name plate was attached to the harness while Hachi was in Kobayashi's care.

Hachi was found dead on March 8, 1935, on the east side of Shibuya Station. The location is near the site where the Shibuya Police Station is located now.

Ueno's house, Kobayashi's house and a ticket gate where Hachi waited for Ueno every day were to the west of the station. Why Hachi died east of the station is one of the mysteries about the dog.

The recently discovered photo suggests that Hachi may have often visited places east of



A part of the harness worn by the stuffed specimen of Hachi owned by the National Museum of Nature and Science

the station when he was alive.

Keita Matsui of the Shibuya museum said, "Following the discovery of the photo, we expect to receive new information and documents about Hachi."

The new photo of Hachi

is displayed in the museum's exhibition of newly obtained items. The exhibition runs through June 5 and is open from 11am to 5pm.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

DRUK GREEN POWER CORPORATION LIMITED (a dhi company)

10/DGPC/HRA/2016/1373

In reference to the Job Vacancy announced in the issue date **March 5, 2016**, Druk Green is pleased to announce the list of selected candidates for various post. All the selected candidates are requested to kindly report to Corporate Office, Thimphu on **May 16, 2016 at 9.00 AM**.

List of Selected Candidates

SN	Name	CID #	Remark	Post
1	Tashi Wangchuk	11105004188	Selected	Cook
2	Ngawang Pelzang	10709000680	Selected	
3	Tshering Tshomo	11607000098	Selected	
4	Pema Tshewang	11312000475	Selected	Mechanic
5	Dawa Tshering	11315001666	Selected	Section Officer (Electrical)
6	Tshewang Zangmo	10805001375	Selected	
7	Nidup Yeshe	11505004286	Selected	Assistant Engineer (Electrical)
8	Tashi Pema	10714000836	Selected	
9	Tenzin Dorji	10714000387	Selected	
10	Karma Norbu	11104002050	Selected	Assistant Engineer (Mechanical)
11	Sonam Wangchuk	11516002801	Selected	
12	Dorji Dema	10504001127	Selected	
13	Yeshe Choden	11102006354	Selected	
14	Sanga Dorji	11514002528	Selected	
15	Jigme Dorji	11503004665	Selected	
16	Dawa Tshering	11705000895	Selected	
17	Mahendra Adhikari	11206000487	Selected	

Assistant Manager (HR)



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- to perform *luitor*
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Bad day

- to consecrate
- to appoint to new post
- to marry
- to celebrate
- to learn astrology
- to shift house

- to start new business
- to roof house
- to hoist prayer flags
- to sell land

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Source: Meteorology Division, DHMS, MOEA
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Review

The funny guy's back



Thinley Zangmo

The comedian Phurba Thinley returns to the silver screen once more. Finding Phurba Thinley is written and directed by Yeshey Tshering.

Starring Sonam Maekay Penjor, the film tickles the audiences' funny bones.

However, one shouldn't be fooled by the title of the film. It's nothing about finding Phurba Thinley but it's the other way around. One gets at the meaning only by the end of the film.

Spun around the themes on marriage, infidelity, friendship, serendipity and karma (the principle of cause and effect), the film manages to capture the audience's

heart.

The film also portrays the reality of the fledging movie industry.

Sonam Maekay Penjor plays the role of a director in the film. The movie starts with Sonam looking for a new actor in his upcoming movie since Dechen Dorji (Ata Khawjay) has refused to work with him.

Enter Phurba Thinley – an aspiring actor – who turns Sonam's life upside down.

A mix of cast from the fashion industry, Paljor Gyabak and Dechen Pelden Norbu to veteran actors such as Tshering Zangmo, Kinzang Dorji, Sherab Zangmo, Sanga Choden, Shacha Dorji and Gyem Tshering are also featured.

Although shot in fewer locations, the acting skills are commendable. It's a must-

watch film if one enjoys a simple film with a few complicated themes.

The film is being screened at the City Cinema Hall in Thimphu.

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BHUTAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

BFF/Adm-7/2016/367

1. The Bhutan Football Federation would like to invite sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Renovation work for BFF Training Centre, Gelephu (Setheykharey) as mentioned below.

Contract No.	Name of Construction	Bid Security (Nu.)	Contract Duration
BFF/G.phu/Renovation-I	Renovation work for BFF Training Centre at Gelephu, Setheykharey	124,000.00	6 Months

2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive bidding procedures as specified in the RGOB procurement manual, and is open to all bidders registered as **Medium Contractor (W3)** with CDB.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Project Management unit, BOC from **9am to 5pm** from **May 12, 2016**. A Complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Nu. 2000.00** from the Account section, Bhutan Football Federation on submission of a written application to the address mentioned above.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further technical information from the office of the PMU, BOC, Thimphu (Changlimithang)
5. Qualification requirements include key technical, Financial, legal and other requirements as in the bids documents.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address above by or before **May 27, 2016 at 2pm**. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend in person at the BFF Conference room, Changji at **2:30pm on May 27, 2016**.
7. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security as mentioned above.

General Secretary

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED, THIMPHU

NRDCL/HO/Adm-4/2016/989

Sealed tenders are invited from eligible Bhutanese contractors (Small class) registered with CDB for the following works:

Work	Location	Duration	Cost of tender (Nu.)
Major maintenance of Forest road under Dawathang FMU, Bumthang	Bumthang	7 months	1000

Last date and time of submission : **Tuesday, 24/05/2016 at 1:00 pm**

Place of tender submission : NRDCL, Corporate Head Office, Thimphu

Date and time of tender opening : **Tuesday, 24/05/2016 at 2:30 pm.**

The detailed tender documents can be purchased from Engineering Section of NRDCL, Head Office from **11/05/2016 to 23/05/2016** during office hours. For further information contact **02-323834** during office hours.

NRDCL Management

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RESULT OF THE FINAL SELECTION INTERVIEW (VIVA-VOCE)

ROYAL INSURANCE CORPORATION OF BHUTAN LIMITED



RICB/GAD/HRD(01)/HO/2016/4151

The Royal Insurance Corporation of Bhutan Limited is pleased to announce the results of the Final Selection Interview (viva-voce) held on **May 3 - 6, 2016**.

Please visit www.ricb.com.bt to view the name list of the selected candidates for the various posts and for detailed information.

The RICB would like to thank all candidates who sat for the final selection interview (viva-voce).

Management

QUOTATION CALL

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Department of Youth and Sports

DYS/GSD/(24)/2016/1986

The Games and Sports Division (GSD), would like to invite sealed bids from interested and eligible sports firms for the supply of the following items for the training of new recruits of School Sports Instructors.

1. Track suits
2. Sneakers
3. Table tennis bat
4. Badminton racket

The sealed bids should be submitted to the office of GSD latest by **May 20, 2016 on or before 2:00 pm**. The bids will be opened and awarded the same day at **2:30 pm** in the office of the CPO, GSD.

The quotation forms can be obtained from the GSD during office hours. Kindly contact **325084** for clarification during office hours.

Chief Program Officer

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

MINISTRY OF HOME AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS Department of Culture Wangditse Dzong Restoration Project

DCHS/WRP/01/2015-2016/619

The Project Management of Wangditse Dzong Restoration Project under Division for Conservation of Heritage Sites, DoC, MoHCA is pleased to announce the following vacancies for skilled & unskilled national workers for immediate recruitment.

1. Carpenters
2. Masons
3. Unskilled workers
4. Lapoen
5. Electrician

For further information contact at **338480/17681784** during office hours or visit the project office for Wangditse Dzong Restoration Project, DCHS, DoC, Kawajangsa.

Project Manager

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

JIGME DORJI WANGCHUCK NATIONAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL, THIMPHU

Pro/13/JDWNRH/2015-16/12617

Sealed bids are invited from the Bhutanese Licence holders for the following works and supplies for the FY 2016-17:

Sl.#	Name of the tender	Sale date	Last date of submission	Opening date	Cost of the tender
1	Supply of stationery items	10/05/2016	08/06/2016 (10:30 am)	08/06/2016 (11:00 am)	500 (non-refundable)
2	Supply of hardware items	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
3	Supply of electrical items	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
4	Supply of printing of forms, photocopying & spiral binding items	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
5	Supply of banners, seals and signboards	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
6	Supply of patient diet	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
7	Supply of furniture	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
8	Supply of tyres and tubes	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
9	Maintenance of vehicle	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
10	Catering services for JDWNRH	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
11	Comprehensive annual maintenance contract of EPABX (Matrix Eternity) EPABX 500 Lines	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-

The detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from the Procurement Division, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital on production of the money receipt from the **Revenue Section, Room No. 20 (Ground Floor)**.

For further information, please contact the Procurement Division at the phone number: **333596** during office hours.

President

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

DRAKTSHO VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Draktsho/Misc./2016/557

Draktsho Vocational Training Centre for Special Children would like to invites interested bidders for supply of kitchen utensils and sport equipment.

Kitchen utensils:

Sl.#	Item	Unit	Qty
1	Cooking pots (big)	Nos.	10
2	Cooking pots (small)	Nos.	10
3	Water buckets (big)	Nos.	8
4	Water buckets (regular size)	Nos.	20
5	Kitchen knives (both small and big)	Nos.	10
6	Turning spatula for both rice and curry	Nos.	20
7	Spoons	Nos.	140
8	Awoonga water tank	Nos.	2

Sport equipment

Sl.#	Item	Unit	Qty
1	Basketball	Nos.	6
2	Football	Nos.	8
3	Volleyball net	Nos.	2
4	Soft ball	Nos.	50
5	Knee caps	Nos.	8
6	Leg shield	Nos.	30
7	Relay Race Baton	Set	3

Tender document should be submitted latest by **May 16, 2016**. For details contact **02-328750/17840433**.

Adm/Finance Officer

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF BHUTAN

NAB-GAS-5/20156/2900

National Assembly Secretariat would like to invited sealed bids from the eligible bidders for the **supply of annual office stationery, tyres & tubes and vehicle maintenance and spare parts** for the financial year 2016-2017.

The tender document along with specification can be collected from the AFD during office hour on payment of **Nu.300/- (non-refundable)** or downloaded from our website **www.nab.gov.bt**.

The bids should reach this office on or before **June 9, 2016 at 2:00 PM** and will be opened on the same day at **3:00 PM**. The document should be addressed to the **Secretary General of National Assembly Secretariat**.

Offg. Chief Adm. Officer

ANNOUNCEMENT

BHUTAN INDIGENOUS GAMES AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION

BIGSA/GS/2016/689

The Bhutan Indigenous Games and Sports Association (BIGSA) is pleased to announce that the 2016 Coronation Silver Jubilee National Tournament on imported equipment shall be held from **May 21, 2016**.

Therefore, teams interested to take part in this prestigious tournament are requested to register with names and ID copy of team members along with a registration fee of **Nu.10,000.00** by **May 18, 2016**.

The team captain's meeting shall be held on same day at **4:00 PM** at the BIGSA Canteen in Changlingmethang.

Further details, please contact **17732197/17682423**.

General Secretary

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