

Cabinet Secretary Superannuates...

Dasho Kesang Wangdi, Cabinet Secretary to the Royal Government completed his tenure on August 30, 2019 after serving 37 years and 6 months of dedicated service to the Tsa-Wa-Sum.



Dasho kesang Wangdi started his career in 1982 as a Trainee Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Following that, he served in various capacities in different agencies such as Attaché in Royal Bhutanese Embassy, New Delhi and as the Second Secretary for Permanent Mission of Bhutan, New York. He then served as the Chief of Protocol for the Department of Protocol, MoFA after which he was appointed as the Country Director for SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu, then as Ambassador to Thailand, and finally back in Bhutan as the Director General for the Department of Bilateral Affairs before being appointed as the Cabinet Secretary on July 18, 2018.

On being asked about some of his expectations and aspirations he had when he first joined the Civil Service, Dasho mentioned that it was purely to fulfill a debt of gratitude to his country which had clothed him, fed him, educated him and above all given him a purpose in life. He added that his modest contributions as a civil servant was possible because of the uplifting inspiration of the compassionate Sovereigns, sage counsel of elders, endearing trust of his

team, present and past, and the nurturing support of his family.

When asked on some of the improvements that Dasho would like to see in the civil service, Dasho said, *"I join legions both within and outside the country in commending and expressing appreciation to the esteemed RCSC for bringing about unprecedented and praise-worthy reforms for an efficient and apolitical civil service. Yet, I would be remiss in my omission if I were not to point out that achievement in areas such as promoting meritocracy, wellbeing and esprit de corps within the civil service is yet to be in our full and collective grasp. An approach to address these 'soft intangibles' may be one amongst several to revitalize the civil service in the service of the nation. A revitalization that may go a long way in enabling the civil servants rise to their true potential in the service of our country"*

Finally, as an advice for the young civil servant, Dasho said that the young should serve the nation intelligently with integrity, resilience and professionalism. They should strive for excellence in work and continue to enhance their skill set. They should be able to imagine the legacy they want to leave in the civil service and diligently work towards it.

The Royal Civil Service Commission, on behalf of the Civil Servants of Bhutan, takes this opportunity to thank Dasho Kesang Wangdi for his commitment and contribution to the Royal Government of Bhutan. We heartily congratulate Dasho for his successful 37 years and 6 months of dedicated service to the Tsa-Wa-Sum and wish him and his family a very happy and peaceful life ahead.

With sincere appreciation and deep gratitude...