

Press release

2019 Joint Review Meeting on the 4th Thailand-Bhutan Development Cooperation Programme (2017-2019) from 14th-17th March, 2019

Bhutan hosted the 2019 Joint Review Meeting on the 4th Thailand- Bhutan Development Cooperation Programme (2017-2019) from 14th-17th March, 2019.

Mr. Banchong Amornchewin, Deputy Director General, Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs led the nine-member delegation from Thailand comprising of representatives from Universities/Institutes and medical team from Hospitals. Dasho Kesang Deki, Commissioner, Royal Civil Service Commission led the Bhutanese delegation with representatives from MoFA, GNHC, MoH, JDWNRH and BMHC.



The meeting focused on Human Resources Development and Friends from Thailand Programme (FFT). The Thailand-Bhutan Development Cooperation Programme (2017-2019), Thailand supports the RGOB by providing:

- 50 Long-Term Training scholarships every year (full support: 20 scholarships, cost – sharing: 30 scholarships)

- 45 short-term training scholarships per year (full support: 20 fellowships, cost – sharing: 25 fellowships)
- Around 3 - 6 Volunteers are dispatched around Bhutan annually under the Friends from Thailand for one - two years.

For the first time the Thai delegation also comprised of representatives from the Thai Medical Team from various Hospitals and Universities in order to have clarity on HRD needs for medical professionals and to carry out preliminary assessment needs of the capacity building of Bhutan's medical services to establish Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat (EENT) Centre in Bhutan which was a commitment made by Prime Minister of Thailand in commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the two countries.

The Royal Civil Service Commission is very thankful to the Government of Thailand and in particular, TICA for being very responsive to our specific needs.





