

Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs Superannuates...

Dasho Yeshe Wangdi, Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Royal Government of Bhutan, completed his tenure on October 3, 2019 after serving 35 years and 6 months of dedicated service to the Tsa-Wa-Sum.



Dasho Yeshe Wangdi started his career in 1984 as an Asst. Engineer for the then Department of Power in the Ministry of Trade & Industry. For major part of his career, Dasho worked in Chukha Hydro Power Corporation as an Executive Engineer and then rising up the ranks as the Managing Director. Following this, in 2007, Dasho was transferred back to the Thimphu as the Director General for the Department of Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs. He also served as the Director General for the Department of Hydro-Power and Power System before being appointed as the Secretary for the Ministry of Economic Affairs on May 21, 2015. Dasho Yeshe displayed the highest level of integrity, sincerity and professionalism throughout his career and for his dedicated service to the *Tsa-Wa-Sum*, Dasho was conferred with the Red Scarf by His Majesty during the National Day Celebration on December 17, 2012.

On being asked about some of his expectations and aspirations he had when he first joined the

Civil Service, Dasho mentioned that when he joined the Service, as a student of Technology and Electrical Engineering, he was aware of the country's huge hydropower potential and so his dream was to serve the country as an electrical engineer and contribute to the development of hydropower. Dasho mentioned that his time in the Civil Service has been fulfilling given that he had the opportunity to first start his career in Chukha hydropower Corporation which was then the highest revenue earner for the RGOB and then serve in the Ministry of Economic Affairs towards the later part of his career, where hydropower again is an important sector. He emphasised that being conferred with the Red Scarf during the 2012 National Day Celebration in recognition for his service to the *Tsa Wa Sum* was the highlight of his career for which he remains immensely grateful.

When asked on some of the improvements that Dasho would like to see in the civil service, Dasho said that in recent years, the Royal Civil Service Commission has brought about important civil service reforms, to enhance accountability, leadership and performance, and now the RCSC should work towards enhancing the motivation level of civil servants.

Finally, as an advice for the young civil servant, Dasho mentioned that the young Civil Servants need to realise how fortunate they are to get the opportunity to serve the Tsa Wa Sum and so they must strive to work with "*Tha Damtsi and Ley Judre*" in order to sustain the "collective merit" so that our country continues to enjoy the peace and prosperity under our visionary Kings.

The Royal Civil Service Commission, on behalf of the Civil Servants of Bhutan, takes this opportunity to thank Dasho Yeshe Wangdi for his commitment and contribution to the Royal Government of Bhutan. We heartily congratulate Dasho for his successful 35 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.