

“Bhutan Day Celebrated at LBSNAA, India on 11.11.2019”

A delegation led by Commissioner Lhendup Wangchu with members from the Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC), Royal Institute of Management (RIM), and Centre for Bhutan and GNH Studies (CBS & GNH) visited Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Uttarakhand, India on November 11, 2019, upon invitation of Dr Chopra, Director of the Academy.



The delegation met with the Academic Council Members of the Academy to discuss the possible collaboration in the areas of capacity development programs for the Civil Servants in Bhutan. The three Institutions will now pursue a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will allow Bhutanese Civil Servants to avail the Mid Career Training Program (Phases III, IV and V of the Indian Administrative Service Course). The MoU will also enable the exchange of Faculties between the Academy and RIM.



“Bhutan Day” was celebrated at the Academy coinciding with the 64th Birth Anniversary of the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck. The celebration began with the offering of butter lamp for the long life of His Majesty followed by an address to the Officer Trainees, attending the 94th Foundational Course, by Commissioner Lhendup Wangchu emphasizing the importance of responsibility and accountability in public servants.



As part of the program, Mr Karma Wangdi, Deputy Chief Research Officer, CBS & GNH offered a one-hour session on Gross National Happiness to the Officer Trainees attending the 94th Foundational Course. He focused on the measurement aspect of GNH to convey its relevance and practicality. A cultural show was also staged by the dancers from Royal Academy of Performing Arts (RAPA), Bhutanese Officer Trainees of the Academy, and Bhutanese Students Association (BSA) of Dehradun jointly.



The celebration ended with the serving of authentic Bhutanese dishes to all participants who attended the program. The Academy will henceforth celebrate “Bhutan Day” with the Bhutanese Officer Trainees on November 11 coinciding with the Birth Anniversary of the Great Fourth.

The delegation also met the Bhutanese students (undergraduate) studying in Uttarakhand over the dinner in Dehradun on November 10, 2019.
