

**Dasho Sonam Wangchuk completes his tenure as the Secretary of the Ministry of Labor and Human Resources, Royal Government of Bhutan.**

Dasho Sonam Wangchuk, Secretary to the Royal Government for the Ministry of Labor and Human Resources completed his tenure as the Secretary as of July 13, 2021 after serving more than 31 years and 4 months of dedicated services to the Tsa-Wa-Sum.



Dasho Sonam Wangchuk started his career in 1990 as a Trainee Officer in Lhuentse Dzongkhag's Secretarial Services. Dasho quickly rose up his ranks serving in his early civil service career in the Ministry of Economic Affairs as the head of erstwhile Foreign Trade Division before being posted in Geneva as the First Secretary in Permanent Mission of Bhutan, Switzerland.

During his stint in the Foreign Affairs of Bhutan for five years, Dasho served in the capacity as Counsellor and finally culminating as the Counsel General in the Permanent Mission of Bhutan, Geneva in 2009. Subsequently, Dasho assumed important positions of Regional Director and Chief Trade Officer of Trade and Industry Office in MoEA.

Dasho Sonam Wangchuk was promoted as the Director of Intellectual Property Division in 2010 and then transferred as the Director for the

Department of Trade in 2012. Dasho also played an important role in steering the country's Five Year Plans by serving as the Secretary for Gross National Happiness Commission until his appointment by His Majesty, the Druk Gyalpo, as the Secretary of Ministry of Labor and Human Resources on July 13, 2016.

Dasho recalls his expectations and aspirations when he first joined the civil service was to serve Tsa-Wa-Sum with public service as his sole motivation. In discharging his duties, Dasho believed in upholding the highest professional and ethical standards. His essence of Civil Service those days as a young officer was "Service with Integrity". Therefore, his expectations and aspirations of having joined the civil service and having had the opportunity to contribute in different capacities to Tsa-Wa-Sum has been fulfilling and rewarded him to the pinnacle of Civil Service career.

As Dasho successfully completes his tenure as the Secretary of MoLHR, he said that his belief in the call to public service and his opportunity to serve the public was achieved. His belief in integrity and professionalism as values for public servants constantly guided him in his years of public service ahead of any individual interests.

Upon being asked on the improvement Dasho would like to see in the civil service, Dasho stated that he strongly believes that civil servants must be guided by the principles and values of professionalism and integrity while providing service which must precede all else. Finally, as advice for the young civil servant, Dasho said that the young civil servants must strive to improve professionalism as entrusted by the State to them. Dasho again stressed that integrity must be instilled among the young civil servants as they join civil service.

The Royal Civil Service Commission, on behalf of the Civil Servants of Bhutan, takes this opportunity to thank Dasho Sonam Wangchuk for his commitment and contribution to the

Royal Government of Bhutan. We heartily congratulate Dasho for his successful 31 years and 4 months of dedicated service to the Tsa-Wa-Sum and wish him and his family a very happy and fulfilling life ahead.