



TVET Policy makers of Bhutan learns from Singapore's experience

TVET Leadership Program

2-day Virtual Study visit to ITE-Singapore for TVET Policy Makers and senior officials of RGoB, Bhutan



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Lyonpo Karma Dorji, Minister for Ministry of Labour & Human Resources (MoLHR) along with the senior executives from the Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Finance, Gross National

Happiness Commission, and MoLHR are attending the two day virtual study visit as part of the TVET leadership program for TVET policymaker of Bhutan.

In light of the current pandemic situation, the ITE-Education Services in collaboration with the

MoLHR is conducting the two days program virtually on 25 February and 1 March 2022. The program is supported by the Government of Singapore.

During the virtual study visit to the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Singapore, the participants were taken

on the virtual tour of the authentic learning and state-of-art facility of ITE and shared on the successful experience of Singapore in transforming the TVET system as the main enabler of economic development.

Along with the virtual tour, the ITEES will share

the Singapore's experience in aligning the TVET system to its national economic and social development needs and insights on the policies and strategies adopted by Singapore Government in reforming and transforming TVET for national development.

Gol grants Nu 759-M to enhance key development projects

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The Government of India (GoI) has released an amount of Nu 759-million (M) to the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) for the smooth implementation of various development projects in the country.

A press release from the Embassy of India in Thimphu states that these projects are spread over diverse sectors like education, infrastructure, and agriculture and livestock enterprise developments.

This grant has been made under the Project Tied Assistance (PTA) committed by the GoI for the

12th Five Year Plan. Out of this grant amount, Nu 188-M has been earmarked for construction of the Halhalay-Dorokha-Namchukhola road under Samtse Dzongkhag.

The press release further states that the 40-km road in Samtse would reduce the travel time between Halhalay and Namchukhola. This road connectivity would also provide continuous year-round traffic movement and help improve regional connectivity once blacktopping and resurfacing works are completed by June this year.

Meanwhile, GoI is also supporting Education Flagship Program which is

being implemented in all 20 dzongkhags and four thromdes. This project aims to enhance the ICT skills of students, supply digital devices to schools and augment trainers' competencies in computer coding. To this effect, an amount of Nu 280-M has been released for this program.

Further, an additional amount of Nu 170-M will be dedicated to the improvement of Puili road in Dewathang. Under this project, the press release states, the road widening and pavement works are being undertaken for a stretch of 43-km in Samdrup Jongkhar. Once completed, this road project will provide smooth

and safe movement for all types of vehicular traffic.

For the development of livestock enterprise in all Dzongkhags, Nu 121.028-M is being released under the grant. This project will undertake enterprise development in the sectors of dairy, egg, broiler, pork, trout, warm water fishery, chevon goat, and forage production.

The project is being implemented by the Department of Livestock and is being monitored at Dzongkhag level by Regional Livestock Development Centres. This project is expected to contribute to greater food, nutrition, and

livelihood security of the people and help in poverty reduction, creation of employment, and income generation opportunities the press release stated.

Meanwhile, for the 12thFYP of Bhutan, GoI has committed financial support of Nu 45-billion (B) comprising Nu28-B of PTA, Nu 8.5-B of assistance towards high impact community development projects, and Nu8.5 -B of program grant assistance.

The press release further stated that the government and the people of India stand resolutely committed to the long-term wellbeing and prosperity of the government and people of Bhutan.