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Bhutan Youth Development Fund

President: Her Majesty the Queen Mother Ashi Tseyring Pem Wangchuck

Press Release

Social Forestry Day is celebrated along with Her Majesty Gyalum Tseyring Pem Wangchuck

Thimphu, Bhutan - June 2, 2023 - The Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF) is pleased to announce its participation in the Social Forestry Day on June 2, 2023. This significant day marks the commemoration of the 49th Coronation of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck. As part of its ongoing commitment to honor His Majesty and combat climate change, YDF is striving to plant a million trees and contribute to the green economy of the country.

The esteemed Guest of Honor for this event will be Her Majesty Gyalum Tseyring Pem Wangchuck, President of the Bhutan Youth Development Fund. Joining Her Majesty will be members of the royal family, esteemed board members, young volunteers, dedicated friends, and supporters of YDF. Together, they will participate in a tree plantation ceremony in Samarzingkha, Thimphu.

YDF has chosen to focus on planting best tree species that absorb the highest carbon dioxide. The organization aims to plant a million trees by 2033, over a period of 10 years.

To date, YDF's Young Volunteers In Action (Y-VIA), known as the Champions of Environment Conservation, have successfully planted over 10,000 trees. While the goal of planting a million trees is within reach, YDF acknowledges that combating climate change requires comprehensive efforts beyond tree planting alone.

Climate change remains a core focus area for YDF, and on this momentous day, young volunteers from eight districts will participate in the 'Nurture a Tree' program, planting over 1000 trees in their respective regions. In addition, as part of YDF's Sponsor a Monk project, monks from various monasteries across the country will also contribute to the tree planting initiative within their premises. YDF is proud to support over 121 tozey monks from eight different monasteries across six districts.

YDF is collaborating with esteemed partners, including the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BT FEC), Bhutan Ecological Society (BES), Green Bhutan Corporation, and the Department of Forest and Park Services under the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources. This collaboration will result in the planting of 216 trees, recognizing the crucial role of social forestry in preserving Bhutan's biodiversity and fostering a greener future.

YDF is grateful for the collective efforts and support of all participants and partners, whose dedication will contribute significantly to the success of this plantation event.

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Through the combined commitment of individuals, organizations, and the wider community, Bhutan can continue to be a shining example of environmental stewardship and sustainability.

The program details enclosed herewith for your reference.

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The Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering and uplifting the youth of Bhutan. YDF works tirelessly to provide opportunities for education, employment, and holistic development to help young Bhutanese individuals reach their full potential. For more information about YDF and its initiatives, please visit www.bhutanyouth.org

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