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DID YOU KNOW?

GDA and CIA opening

The opening ceremony for the second cohort of Graduate Diploma in Accounting (GDA) and Certificate in Accounting (CIA) was held on August 3, 2022, at the Royal Institute of Management (RIM) in Thimphu.

Chief Guest Dasho Nim Dorji and Zimpon Wom Sonam Thinley, both members of the DSP Steering Committee, attended the ceremony.

The Director, Sonam Pelden Thaye, the Registrar, and other RIM staff members were also present.

The training programmes will last 8 to 9 months and will be attended by 15 De-suups for CIA and 14 De-suups for GDA.



Grand Closing Ceremony of 10 De-suung Skilling Programmes (DSPs)

On August 2, 2022, His Majesty The King graced the grand closing ceremony and granted an audience to the De-suups and trainers of 10 De-suung Skilling Programmes (DSPs).

252 De-suups successfully completed the following DSPs: Advanced Tour Guide Course 2.0, Integrated Fitness Training – (Intermediate), Foreign Languages– German, Spanish, Italian, Tailoring, Graphic Design, 2D Animation Film Making, Barista 4.0 and Intermediate Culinary Arts.

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ABOUT THE GUARDIANS

On February 14, 2011, the De-suung Integrated Training Programme began in Tencholing, Wangdue Phodrang. De-suung, which means "Guardians of Peace," is a Royal Initiative of His Majesty The King.

His Majesty The King Commanded the establishment of De-suung in response to an overwhelming supplication from the youth for an opportunity to offer their voluntary service to the nation. Thus, De-suung was created as an avenue enabling those who wanted to volunteer their time and energy in service of the nation and people.

The Training Programme's foundation is based on the spirit of volunteerism and the positive influence of community service, integrity, and civic duty ethics and values.

De-suungs actively volunteer during disasters, participate in social service activities, and offer service to others throughout their lives. In other words, as lifelong members of the De-suung Organization, trainees progressively improve their ability to bear their daily duties and responsibilities.

• Batches Trained

50

• Female Trained

11,694

• Male Trained

18,331

• Total Trained

30,025



DSP Playschool 2.0

On August 5, 2022, Paro Dzongdag Karma Thinley inaugurated the De-suung Skilling Programme (DSP) Playschool 2.0 at the Galing resort.

Dzongdag Karma Thinley stated that this initiative is critical to ensuring children's healthy development. He also stated that providing children with the best possible start in life will assure a brighter future.

Ms. Ligaya Palado Jonsay Ramoy and Ms. Bernadette Bautista Cordero will supervise the month-long training programme, which will engage 21 De-suups.

MASK PRODUCTION PROJECT



The mask production project initiated by Project Hope office under the Royal Patronage of HRH Chimmi Yangzom Wangchuck has been successfully completed.

The project involves the pre-to-post production line for masks, including mask fabric stacking, cutting eye loop parts, nose wire attachments, quality control, and packing.

The De-suup volunteers were engaged in the project from 1st December, 2021 to 31st July, 2022.



DE-SUUNG COORDINATION MEETING

On the 30th and 31st of July 2022, the Trashigang Middle Secondary School hall hosted the 4th Dzongkhag De-suung Coordination Meeting.

The Dasho Dzongrab of Trashigang honored the opening of the two-day coordination meeting which was attended by 98 De-suups (72 males and 26 females) from all areas of Trashigang (including 16 area coordinators and invitees).



GYALPOSHING-MONGAR ROAD PILOT PROJECT

The Gyalposhing-Mongar Road Pilot Project began on December 18, 2021. During the project's early days, 30 de-suups (20 males and 10 females) were assigned, along with two officers and NOCs.

There are currently 84 De-suups (58 males and 26 females), three of whom are machine operators and two of whom are drivers.

As of today, a length of 7.5 kilometers has been effectively finished, accounting for 60 to 65 percent of the project. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.

In-depth status:

1. Cutting = 80-90 %
2. Wall = 80 %
3. Widening = 70-80 %
4. Base course and black topping-
To begin soon
5. Drain = 60-70 %



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NYAMRO CHRONICLES



“From a coffee lover to a coffee connoisseur”

Growing up on the harsh mountain slopes of Haa, drinking creamy yak butter suja, I never dreamt that one day I would travel to Kuwait and become a coffee connoisseur.

At the age of thirty, I began working at Starbucks in Kuwait City, where I quickly progressed through the organization's ranks. Work and determination paid off from the moment I first saw coffee beans to the moment I became a certified Barista Trainer and Coffee Master.

In 2019, I came home and worked at a modest hotel in Paro. I joined the De-suung Training Program after the outbreak of the pandemic and the closure of the hotel. As a De-suup, I volunteered for the De-suung patrolling team, the FCB team, the De-suung National Service (DNS) Water Project, and the first group of border duty.

It wasn't long before the De-suung Skilling Programme asked me to join their team of trainers after noticing the high level of demand for barista skills among the De-suups. At the De-suung Club House, I worked with chef instructor Chef Kalel to set up the DSP Café. The DSP Café is both a place where baristas can learn and a coffee shop that sells drinks and pastries.

It's been a great experience working as a barista teacher at the DSP Cafe. As I teach the third batch, I am filled with pride as I think about what my previous students have achieved. Some of them have already opened businesses in Paro and Thimphu, and others plan to do the same in Mongar and Phuntsholing.

I owe a debt of gratitude to His Majesty The King and the De-suup Skilling Programme for their inspiring concept. By participating in this project both as trainees and as instructors, we've found a treasure trove of prospects and a path to self-sufficiency.

I encourage everyone to stop by the DSP Café on weekends and holidays to support our DSP trainees.

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- ✓ The 51st Batch Accelerated De-suung Training Programme for Executives began on August 1, 2022, at the Military Training Centre in Tencholing, Wangdue Phodrang.

The Prime Minister, Lyonchhen DASHO Dr. Lotay Tshering, graced the opening ceremony as the Chief Guest.

The training includes 289 De-suups (247 males and 42 females) who are senior civil workers, corporate and private sector managers, and department heads.