



DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

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His Eminence Leytshog Lopen arrives in Vietnam for monal Chenmo

His Eminence Sangay Dorji and the Sangha entourage from Bhutan arrived in Vietnam to preside over the third Monlam Chenmo. Upon his arrival at the airport on January 27th, His Eminence was received by the Vietnamese Buddhist Sangha and hundreds of devotees. While at the hotel, His Eminence was accorded a warm reception by the contingent of De-suups who are on International Skill Training. His Eminence will preside over the third Monlam Chenmo, the Great Prayer Ceremony being held in Vietnam, which begins on January 2, 2023, at Dong Cao Pagoda, in Thai Binh Province. The three-day-long Prayer Ceremony will be streamed LIVE.

DID YOU KNOW?

Gyalsung training

A De-suung training programme will be conducted to pilot some of the courses included in Gyalsung training. The training period will last three and a half months.



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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

53

• Female Trained

12,844

• Male Trained

19,835

• Total Trained

32,679



INVITATION

12TH RAISING DAY

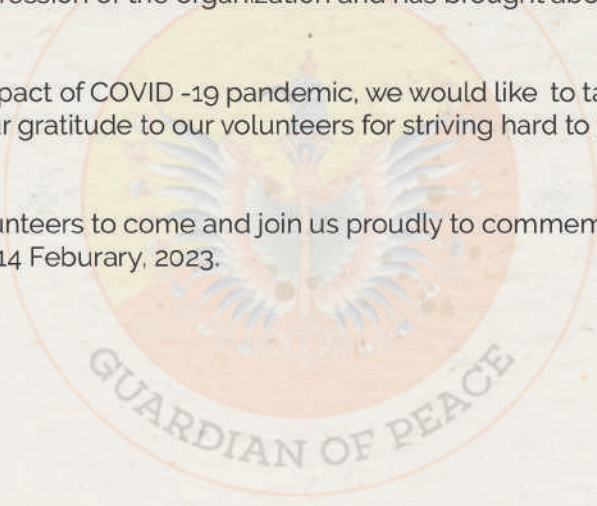
De-suung Headquarters request your gracious presence on **12th De-suung Raising Day Celebration**



During the pandemic, our volunteers in orange rose up to the occasion to heed the call of Nation in the thousands. The youth especially shouldered the responsibility of securing national and economic security and actively engaged in various Desuung National Service activities. This has diversified the role, approach, growth and progression of the organization and has brought about an insightful experience and shift in thinking.

As we rebound from the impact of COVID -19 pandemic, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the past achievements and show our gratitude to our volunteers for striving hard to provide these essential community services.

We request all Desuup volunteers to come and join us proudly to commemorate the 12th Raising Day celebration at Thimphu on 14 February, 2023.



RAWADRANG - MENCHU IRRIGATION WATER PROJECT



- ✓ The Rawadrang-Menchu irrigation water project under Tongmijangsa Gewog is the third RGoB-De-suung National Service Partnership project completed in Trashiyangtse Dzongkhag. The project was handed over to the community on January 14, 2023.

The project was completed on a set duration, engaging 70 De-suups with support from the RBA, Dzongkhag Administration, and Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock. It will benefit 90 households covering 180 acres of irrigation land in Marshing and Pang Chiwog. The construction was completed at a cost of 23.3 million, with an initial estimate of 31.99 million. The project will boost agriculture production and enhance their income.

The commissioning ceremony was graced by the Hon'ble Dasho Dzongdag of Trashi Yangtse Dzongkhag, and attended by officials from the Dzongkhag Administration, NC, De-suung Office, RBA, RBP, MoAL, MoWHS, Gewog Administration, and the local community.

NADPM 100 % SURVEY IN LHUNTSHE



- ✓ The survey started on January 20, 2023, and ended on January 30, 2023, covering all eight gewogs in Lhuntshe. A total of 97 De-suups were deployed for the survey.

MFTP TRAINING



24th-28th January 2023

Organised by National Centre for Organic Agriculture, Yusipang, Thimphu, DoA, MOAL in partnership with the De-Suung National Service



✓ On January 23, 2023, 8 De-suups left for Thimphu from Upper Chukha for the Million Fruits Tree Plantation training. They reached the center safely.

Similarly, 15 De-suups from Wangduephodrang, 11 from Punakha, and 3 from Gasa reported to the research center in Bajo for the second phase of MFTP training. The training started on January 24 and will end on January 27.



NYAMRO CHRONICLES



A DIFFERENCE IN SOCIETY

I've seen how much of a difference De-suups are making across the country since the COVID-19 pandemic began. It inspired me to join De-suung so that I could be one of those who can help our country. Growing up, I aspired to be a military officer, and being in De-suup was the closest I could get to serving my country in the military. Joining De-suung taught me not only how to be a better person on a personal level but also how to be a responsible citizen. Serving our country during difficult times instilled in me a sense of responsibility toward my beloved country. My duty as a De-suup was motivated by love for my country and a desire to make a difference in society.

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GYALSUNG UPDATE

De-suung National Service						
De-suups deployment to Gyalsung Project						
	Project	Activities	Male	Female	Total	Remarks
1	Bongdeyma, Mongar	Precast concrete, Multiutility infrastructure DFG	52	22	74	
2	Jamtsholing, Samtse	Precast concrete, Multiutility infrastructure, Water supply DFG	41	26	67	
3	Khotokha, Wangdue	Precast concrete, Multiutility infrastructure DFG	61	42	103	
4	Pemathang, Samdrupjongkhar	Precast concrete, Multiutility infrastructure Compound fencing DFG	79	27	106	
5	Tareythang, Sarpang	Precast concrete, Multiutility infrastructure DFG	78	27	105	
		Total	311	144	455	

