

Closing Address of the Hon'ble Chairperson

The 21st Session of the National Council concluded on 27th of June 2018 corresponding to the 14th Day of the 5th Month of Earth Male Dog Year of the Bhutanese Calendar. The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Hon'ble Speaker for gracing the closing ceremony. Likewise, he also extended special thanks to both of them for gracing the opening and closing ceremonies of the National Council.

The Chairperson said that the National Council was able to conduct effective and successful deliberations during the 21st session because of the support rendered by the Secretary General, the Director, the officers and all other staff. On behalf of the National Council, he also thanked the Royal Bhutan Police for providing external security services, the Department of National Properties for providing logistical arrangements and the Bhutan Broadcasting Service and all other media firms for providing notification and dissemination of news and information.

He said that while carrying out the responsibilities of the National Council, the members will be guided by the profound advice granted by His Majesty the King. Moreover, he said that members will render their services keeping in mind His Majesty's address during the 13th convocation of Royal University of Bhutan on 25th June 2018 where His Majesty emphasized on the importance of new ideas and talents and the essence of hard work, dedication and commitment towards any works in order to achieve effective results.

The Chairperson said that the members of the third term of the National Council are very fortunate to have the opportunity to serve the Tsa Wa Sum and therefore urged the members not to waste the opportunity and serve to the best of their abilities. In order to facilitate this, the 4th plenary meeting of the National Council established a Special Committee. He said that the Special Committee will identify

the issues for deliberations in the 22nd session and will distribute the work to other Committees of the National Council.

He also presented a summary of the legislative issues and issues related to review of policies deliberated by the National Council during the 21st session and presented on the draft agenda for deliberation in the 22nd session of the National Council. The 21st Session of the National Council concluded on 27th of June 2018 corresponding to the 14th Day of the 5th Month of Earth Male Dog Year of the Bhutanese Calendar with Zhapten for the long lives of His Majesty the King, His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, His Royal Highness the Gyalsey, Her Majesty the Gyaltsuen, Their Majesties the Queen Mothers, the members of Royal Family, His Holiness the Je Khenpo and the Lamas and Truelkus - the upholders of the precious teachings of the Buddha and with Tashi Moenlam for the peace and prosperity of the country and people.