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Thank you note

I take the opportunity in joining the nation to wish Her Royal Highness Gyalsem Sonam Yangden Wangchuck an auspicious birth anniversary today. Our nation became richer two years ago, as Her Royal Highness came into our lives as the bundle of light that gives us so much warmth and joy.

May Your Royal Highness continue to be our source of wisdom and hope as the nation grows with her.

While writing this, I realize some of you have safely reached the warm comfort of your homes, while others are on the way after five fulfilling days of voluntary service here at GMC. I wish you all a safe journey.

Back home, when you tend to your blistered hands and bruised skin, and gear to resume your daily work, I am sure there will be smiles on your faces and stories on your lips. You are returning from an extraordinary episode of nation building, and you have every reason to be proud.

The plains of Gelephu have inched closer to the realization of the dream, strengthened by thousands of hands working with such determination and spirit.

I couldn't help but feel emotional witnessing everyone, young and old, officials and farmers, armed forces and monks, and all who showed up with tools in their hands, giving their best to make a difference. All because this is our King's proposal for a greater and brighter future for Bhutan.

My heart overflows with gratitude for His Majesty. So much thought and action are devoted to this transformation initiative that is vital not just for us Bhutanese of today, but for all to come in countless stages of life. Only a rare being of unfathomable merit can conceive and lead such profound undertaking.

For such reason, even the heaven seemed to grant its divine approval, as thunder resounded in the background when His Majesty launched the voluntary service program. To think of it, somewhere in a quiet corner of the world, a mighty King and his subjects gathered in the forest are building a gem of the modern time.



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Our King highlighted that this is an act of homage to the jewels of Buddhism, as we mold a spiritual heart of Buddha, Dharma and Sangha (Sangay, Choe and Goeden) here at GMC. And as more compassionate individuals who believe in mindful and sustainable approaches join us in this noble effort, together, we will create mindful business and opportunities for Bhutan.

Truly, we are living history!

Moving forward, as we keep turning the pages, I know more of us are keen to return and participate again in the building of GMC. Whether by carrying a stone, or stacking a stick, we will ensure that all of us do it together.

For now, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, the local communities, kitchen and medical units, and those working behind the scenes, for your hard work and unconditional support.

His Majesty has reminded us that this is an act of compassion through our service, which will translate to a merit in creating a life and space that embody harmony and prosperity for all generations of Bhutanese to come. Let us rejoice. Tashi Delek to all Drukpas!

Sincerely,

(Dr. Lotay Tshering)
Governor