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BQPCA Launches Bhutan Qualifications Framework 2023

Thimphu, 14 June 2023 – Bhutan Qualifications and Professionals Certification Authority (BQPCA) is proud to announce the launch of the highly anticipated revised Bhutan Qualifications Framework 2023. The official launch was graced by H.E. Lyonpo Jai Bir Rai, Minister for the Ministry of Education and Skills Development highlighting the government's commitment to fostering excellence in education and facilitating the growth of a skilled workforce in Bhutan.

The Bhutan Qualifications Framework (BQF) is a groundbreaking initiative that must bring about a paradigm shift in the country's education and skills development landscape. It is developed in close collaboration and nationwide consultation with multi-sectoral stakeholders with the goal of enhancing transparency, consistency, and comparability of skills and qualifications. The BQF is set to transform how education and skills development credentials are recognized and valued across Bhutan's learning and employment sectors.

With eight distinct levels and four comprehensive domains viz. Knowledge, Skills, Values, and Applications, the BQF provides a robust structure for organizing and classifying qualifications, making it easier for learners, employers, education and training providers, and regulatory agencies to understand and navigate the educational landscape. The framework encompasses a wide range of credentials including academic qualifications, vocational certifications, and skills-based training programmes, ensuring that every learner's achievements can be recognized and appropriately valued.

In his address, the Minister expressed his enthusiasm for the BQF, stating, "*The launch of the BQF marks a significant milestone in Bhutan's education and skills development journey. This framework will empower learners and professionals to make informed decisions about their educational paths, facilitate seamless mobility between different education and training sectors, build better confidence of industries on our human capital development, and foster a culture of lifelong learning.*"



The BQF is designed to enhance the credibility and reputation of Bhutanese education and training providers by aligning their qualifications with international standards and best practices. The harmonization will enable Bhutan to strengthen its position on the global stage, attracting international collaborations and creating opportunities for learners to engage in transnational education and mobility.

As Bhutan moves forward on its path of socio-economic development, the BQF will play a crucial role in ensuring that its workforce's knowledge, skills, values and applications are recognized and valued both nationally and internationally. By providing a unified reference point for qualification comparison, the BQF will support employers in identifying the right candidates for job opportunities and enable individuals to make informed choices about their educational and career pathways. Furthermore, the regulating agencies will have the basis to check the competencies of qualification holders and ensure that education and training providers meet the expected standards.

The BQPCA invites all stakeholders including education and training providers, employers, learners, and policymakers, to embrace this transformative initiative and contribute to its successful implementation. The launch event on 14 June 2023, will mark the beginning of a new era in Bhutan's education system, strengthening its foundations and paving the way for a prosperous and skilled society.

For more information and updates on the Bhutan Qualifications Framework 2023, please visit the BQPCA website at www.bqpca.gov.bt

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