

Press Release

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Conferral of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, upon Lyonpo Dago Tshering

On 29th April 2021, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2021 Spring Decorations. Lyonpo Dago Tshering, former Ambassador of Bhutan to Japan (Stationed in India), is among this year's foreign recipients and, in recognition of his contributions to strengthening the relationship and the friendship between Japan and Bhutan, Lyonpo Dago Tshering will receive the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star. This is the first ever conferral of the Decoration by the Government of Japan upon a Bhutanese national.

- Title of the Decoration: Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
- Service: Strengthening the relationship and the friendship between Japan and Bhutan
- Major Positions Held:
 - Minister of Home Affairs, Bhutan (1991-1998)
 - Ambassador of Bhutan to Japan (Stationed in India) (1999-2008)

Summary of Lyonpo Dago Tshering's Contributions

Lyonpo Dago Tshering has served as Minister of Home Affairs of Bhutan from 1991 to 1998. During that period, he was also serving as a Commissioner of Cultural Affairs. Lyonpo Dago Tshering not only provided support in receiving high-level visits from Japan as Minister of Home Affairs, but also played an important role in promoting cultural cooperation between Japan and Bhutan as a Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, such as supporting Japanese researchers in Bhutanese organizations, and promoting the cooperation between National Museum of Ethnology, Japan, and National Museum of Bhutan.

In addition, he served as Ambassador of Bhutan to Japan (Stationed in India) from 1999 to 2008. During his tenure, high-level visits and cultural exchanges between the two countries became active, and the first visit to Japan by a Bhutanese Prime Minister took place successfully. He also visited various cities in Japan and cultivated relationships with Japan-Bhutan friendship organizations. His efforts significantly promoted the mutual understanding between the two countries.

As it delivers the announcement of his receiving the Decoration, the Embassy of Japan in Bhutan pays tribute to Lyonpo Dago Tshering's long years of contribution.