



LINGKANA PALACE

THIMPHU, BHUTAN

Royal Message from Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen on World Environment Day, June 5, 2021

As we join the global community in celebrating World Environment Day today, let us take a moment to reflect on the past year and appreciate the importance of a healthy ecosystem for our health and well-being. The theme this year, Ecosystem Restoration, serves to remind us of concerted actions that are urgently required to restore the balance of nature. At present, the demand on our natural resources and ecological services exceeds what the Earth can re-generate. Therefore, let us be more mindful of our consumption, and reduce pollution and damage to the natural environment. Only then can we truly start restoration to promote a more equitable and sustainable world.

Bhutan is a carbon-negative country, and an oasis of floral and faunal diversity that is on the verge of global extinction. Our unique status among countries as a champion of the environment is due to the farsighted vision of our Monarchs. The stewardship of our natural environment is a legacy inherited from His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, and nurtured by His Majesty The King.

Despite growing environmental challenges and increasing impacts of the ongoing pandemic, we must not lose sight of the vision that has always guided our nation in the conservation of our environment and ecosystems. We need to continue investing in the protection of our natural environment. It is vital for the sustainability of our planet.

On this World Environment Day, let us commit ourselves to restore and protect our rich natural heritage so that we may improve livelihoods, reduce poverty, mitigate climate change, and reduce the rate of species extinction. This is part of nation-building, as well as our contribution towards building a better future for the entire world.

Let us work together for a nation and a planet that is cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable, for all times.

Tashi Delek.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF BHUTAN