

CENTRE FOR BHUTAN
STUDIES & GNH RESEARCH

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Memorandum of Understanding Between

**Centre for Bhutan Studies and GNH Research (CBS)
and
Social Policy Ecology Research Institute (SPERI)**

*Subject: Cooperation and Strategic Collaboration on GNH of Bhutan and
Livelihood Sovereignty of Mekong for the Period 2015-2020*

In furtherance of their mutual interests in co-research, publication and exchange and as a contribution to promoting increased international cooperation, the Centre for Bhutan Studies and GNH Research (CBS) and the Social Policy Ecology Research Institute (SPERI) have agreed and approved the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU is based on the principles of mutual respect and the desire that both parties will benefit from their relationship as a result of shared desire to enhance mutual co-operations and maintain friendly relationships here after.

Primary Objectives

- Forge partnership between CBS and SPERI to recommend implementation development strategies and GNH through Livelihood Sovereignty (LISO) in Mekong Region and collaborate on the upcoming international conference on GNH dedicated to celebrating the 60th birth anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth King of Bhutan for his contribution of GNH as an alternative development paradigm towards sustainable development worldwide;
- Collaborate on understanding the two institute in order to promote this cooperation through GNH (Bhutan) and LISO (Mekong) as well as networks with Good Living (Latin America) towards truly pursuing sustainable development;
- Promote and enhance intellectual exchange and GNH methodological approach for the mutual benefits of the two institutions in relation to LISO and Good Living and bring out publications of case studies among Bhutan, Mekong and Latin America; and

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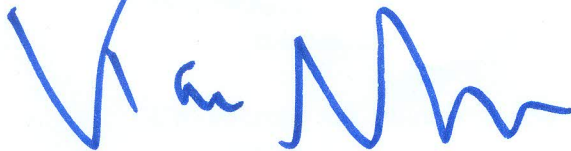
- Carry out and publish joint research on GNH in Bhutan, LISO and Wellbeing in Mekong; and
- Organize exchange programs for young farmers (leadership) in order to promote sharing of knowledge and experience on agro-ecology between Bhutan and the Mekong region based on GNH and LISO;
- Collaborate on jointly organizing national, regional, inter-continental forums on GNH, LISO, and Good Living to promote public advocacy and raising social and regional awareness about GNH, LISO and Good Living.

Administration of the MOU

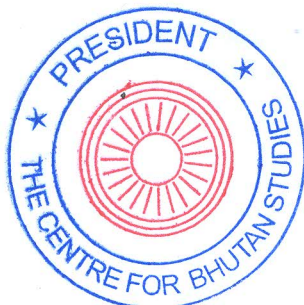
- Each institute shall identify a member from among the full-time staff for effective implementation of this MOU; and
- This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual consent through exchange of official letters. Subsequent amendments that shall be established to this MOU between the CBS and SPERI will be noted as Appendices to this document and may be subjected to the administrative processes of both the institutes.

This MOU will be valid for a period of five years from the date of signing. Both the parties will discuss to renew, extend or terminate this MOU through official written letters six month notice in advance.

For
Centre of Bhutan Studies and GNH Research
Date: 7th October 2014



Dashi Karma Ura
President



For
Social Policy Ecology Research Institute
Date: 7th October 2014

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Professor Khong Dien
Director