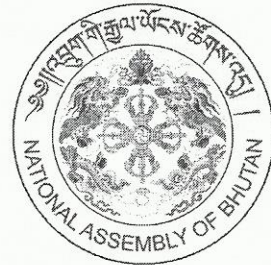




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To Whom It May Concern

This is to testify that I am familiar with the objectives and expected results of the Organic Farmers Exchange Program (OFEP) and very much appreciate the initiative taken by the Bhutan Network.

The Strategic Action Plan for Development of Organic Farming in Bhutan clearly states that in the reformed policy for agriculture and biodiversity, organic farming will be a major focus for the Royal Government. Organic farming in Bhutan will be promoted through the use of viable alternative methods, whilst gradually phasing out the use of harmful chemical fertilizer and pesticides.

Based on these reasons as well as the justifications mentioned in the project document itself, OFEP will be extremely useful for supporting our (young) farmers in their endeavor to peruse organic farming as a future career. This would not only improve the sustainability of farming in Bhutan but also provide youth with employment and income, which is one of the biggest challenges the country is facing today.

I wish Ms. Ulirke Cokl and Ksistel Josel the very best with this project and future initiatives.

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