

November 11 celebration

The residents of Changjiji Housing colony and the staff of NHDCL celebrated 11th November, the Birthday of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo at Changjiji.

The Hon’ble Speaker of the National Assembly graced the celebration along with senior officials from the government.

Sa Lang Tendrel of Changjiji Community Lhakang

On the auspicious day - 19th November 2014 – the ground breaking ceremony (*sa-lhang tendrel*) for the construction of a community Lhakang at Changjiji Housing Colony took place. The Venerable Dorji Lupon graced the ceremony.

The community lhakang is expected to serve as a place for receiving blessings, teachings, and conduct other religious programmes. The lhakang can also be used for activities that promote peace, harmony and social cohesion in the community.



Celebration at Changjiji Plaza



The Venerable Dorji Lupon during Sa-lhang tendrel



Survey on Housing needs assessment

Affordable housing shortage is a challenge for the residents of Phuntsholing. Many media reports and the feedback of the residents have cited that due to the shortages of affordable housing in Phuntsholing, many Bhutanese working in the town are forced to reside across the border in Jaigaon, India, often at personal risks and safety.

To determine the number of Bhutanese households living across the border, NHDCL in collaboration with the Phuntsholing Thromde and local authorities has conducted a survey from 2nd to 22nd December 2014 by engaging the students of the College of Science and Technology, Phuntsholing. The survey once fully analyzed will be helpful in planning future housing needs in Phuntsholing.



Students during survey

Changjiji Women Weaves

The women residing in the Changjiji Housing Complex have put their talents into making additional income. They have formed a group to weave textiles in the form of mufflers, table runners, etc.

It is hoped that this small showcase initiative of NHDCL would bring additional income for the



Changjiji women group showcasing their products.

families of the Changjiji Housing colony, in addition to developing their skills in product designs and marketing.

Concrete Stabilized Mud Block (CSMB)

NHDCL has been promoting the use of local construction materials. In this regard it has initiated in-house manufacturing of Concrete Stabilized Mud Block (CSMB) since 2013.

Soil samples were also collected from Lhuntse and Thimphu and blocks are being manufactured and tested by the Bhutan Standard Bureau. The overall size of the brick is 300 x 150 x 100mm with a compressive strength of 25-60 kg/cm². These mud blocks are being used for low-rise load bearing structures.



Mud blocks used in Food Corporation of Bhutan outlet at Changjiji.

Families get housing in Phuntsholing

After a long and anxious wait, 24 families working for the government got decent and affordable homes in Phuntsholing. The three buildings were constructed with Nu. 46 million funding from the RGoB.



Inauguration of buildings

Lhuntse housing construction underway

The 24 units of housing construction works in Lhuntse is progressing well. The concreting of first floor slabs for all six buildings is in full swing and the fabrication of timber doors and windows are nearing completion.



Lhuntse construction under progress

When completed 24 civil servants and their families will occupy the new houses.

Gasa housing construction in full swing

Housing construction in Gasa Dzongkhag is progressing well. The construction is promoting the use of locally available raw materials.

The Masonry works for 9 (out of 10) buildings are completed and the roofing works for buildings are in full swing.



View of the Gasa Housing colony under construction

When completed, 20 civil servants and their families of Gasa Dzongkhag will get comfortable homes.

TICA Volunteers completed their assignments

Two volunteers – an Architect and the Housing Economist from Thailand under Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) have completed their assignments with NHDCL and returned to Thailand. The management would like to thank them for their contributions to the organization.



*Ms Teera Insawat,
Housing Economist*



*Ms Kunjira Tawee,
Architect*

Staff training

Ms. Julia Pek Yeechin, Corporate Strategist from Dubai conducted a two-days in-house training in November 2014 for the staffs of NHDCL on Risk Management, Good Corporate Governance, Team Building, among others.



Ms. Julia Pek Yeechin engaging with participants

Civil Service medals 2014

In recognition of the service to the nation the NHDCL staff received the civil service award medals. The medal category included one gold medal, one silver and four bronze medals.



NHDCL medalists with the Chief Executive Officer

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