**ITEC Day 2014**

To commemorate 50 years of the Indian Technical Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme, ITEC Day 2014 was celebrated at the India House Estate on September 13, 2014.

Lyonpo Tandin Wangchuk, Minister for Health of the Royal Government of Bhutan was the Chief Guest at the celebration.

More than 200 ITEC Alumni from Bhutan attended the function. A few of them shared with the gathering their experiences in India and benefits of the courses attended. A brief video presentation on ITEC and a cultural programme by the Bhutanese students of Nehru Wangchuck Cultural Centre of the Embassy of India, Thimphu followed.

Under this flagship scheme of the Government of India, training is given to partner countries in 47 Training Institutions offering 280 courses in varied fields.

From Bhutan, in the Training Year April 2014 to March 2015 Bhutan has been allotted 200 slots under ITEC and 60 slots under TCS Colombo Plan Schemes and till date they have utilized 74 and 31 of these slots respectively by attending Short Term Training Programmes in various fields.

In the Training years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, nearly 600 Bhutanese candidates from Government, Semi-Government and Private Sector have availed of short term training in various premier Technical Training Institutes of India under these two training schemes.

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