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H.E. Lyonpo Namgay Tshering
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Your Excellency,

Subject: Use of new e-GP module for Procurement of Goods through Request for Quotations (RFQ) method under World Bank-financed projects in Bhutan

I would like to thank the RGOB for introducing the new module in the e-Government Procurement (e-GP) system for specific use in Procurement of Goods through RFQ method under World Bank financed projects. This module was developed and installed in a short period of few months through the dedicated efforts of the highly competent team in the Procurement Management and Development Division (PMDD), Ministry of Finance.

I am pleased to inform you that World Bank has reviewed the completed e-GP module and agrees to its use, with effect from August 1, 2022, by all project implementing agencies of World Bank-financed project for carrying out their Procurement of Goods through RFQ method (for contracts with estimated contract value less than US\$30,000 equivalent) using the e-GP system.

While the e-GP module will be put into use by all project implementing agencies starting from August 1, 2022, we consider the next five months up to December 31, 2022 as a pilot testing period during which further refinements, if needed, will be made based on the practical experience and feedback received from the users of the module.

The adoption of this e-GP module for Procurement of Goods through RFQ method under World Bank-financed projects marks the first major step towards the Bank's objective of using well performing country procurement systems under Bank-financed projects, and we will continue to work closely with PMDD/MOF in pursuit of this objective.

We are sharing a copy of this letter with all Project Implementing Agencies of World Bank financed project in Bhutan.

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I would also like to use this opportunity to acknowledge with gratitude the long-standing relationship that we have enjoyed with the Ministry of Finance, and we look forward to our continued collaboration in the Government's efforts for establishing a robust and well performing public procurement system in Bhutan.

Sincerely,



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