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MEDIA RELEASE

Observance of 21st of February as the National Anti-Corruption Day

His Majesty The King’s unequivocal commitment that “*I will not be corrupt and I will not tolerate corruption in others*”, profoundly impacted Bhutan’s governance system and landscape, lending impetus and further propelling the anti-corruption measures and the prevention and education strategy.

As Bhutan embarks on an unprecedented development trajectory, the need to amplify the fight against corruption becomes ever more pronounced with no room for complacency, given the pivotal role of integrity for sustained peace, progress and prosperity. Thus, it is incumbent upon all stakeholders to unite in denouncing corruption and championing integrity as a cornerstone of development.

Further to joining the global community in observing the International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) would like to announce that Bhutan will celebrate the National Anti-Corruption Day (NACD) on 21 February, coinciding with the Birth Anniversary of His Majesty The King. This momentous occasion seeks to honour the profound wisdom, foresight and vision of His Majesty The King and celebrate the extraordinary blessings of the legacy of our Successive Leadership. It shall also serve as a call to action for all citizens to uphold the momentum towards a *Developed Bhutan* with unsullied ‘*tha damtsi*’ and for the collective responsibility to fight corruption to resound within every Bhutanese citizen.

The NACD will serve as an avenue to raise awareness, educate citizens on the detrimental effects of corruption, and advocate for anti-corruption measures in fulfilling our shared national goal.

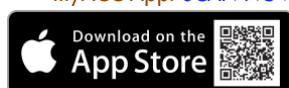
This year’s theme is “Integrity for Progress and Prosperity” and the inaugural NACD will commence on 5 February 2024, coinciding with the auspicious 8th Birth Anniversary of His Royal Highness The Gyalsey, and will culminate on 21 February 2024. The following events, campaigns, and initiatives have been planned in collaboration with various stakeholders:

Date	Activity
05 February	Inaugural Program for the NACD Media Conference
06 February	Online integrity poll for social media users
07 February	ToT on DAMTSI Handbook for the teachers participating in Basic Unit Leaders Training (BULT) coordinated by the MoESD

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08 / 09 February	Sensitization of National Integrity Assessment 2022 and ACC’s Annual Report to the Members of the Parliament
10 February	Airing of Video Message: ‘ <i>Fighting Corruption is Our Collective Responsibility</i> ’ in mainstream and social media platforms
11 February	Publish report on ‘Best Practices’
12 February	Conduct thematic session for Local Government leaders of Thimphu Dzongkhag
13 February	Conduct thematic session for Local Government leaders of Thimphu Thromde Interactive Session with Foundational In-service trainees at the RIM
14 February	Publish book of poetries themed ‘ <i>Fighting Corruption: Our Shared Responsibility</i> ’ and ‘ <i>Integrity for Progress and Prosperity</i> ’ Anti-corruption awareness to CSOs
15 February	Interactive workshop with the youth representing Bhutan at the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youth (JENESYS) coordinated by the MoESD
16 February	ToT on DAMSTI Handbook for Scouts in Global Citizenship Education coordinated by the MoESD at Punakha
17 February	Airing of the video, ‘ <i>I stand for a corruption-free Bhutan</i> ’ in mainstream and social media channels
18 February	Online quiz for social media users
19 February	Airing of the video, ‘ <i>Why the Youth Matter in the Fight against Corruption?</i> ’ in mainstream and social media channels
20 February	Interactive Session with Foundational In-service Trainees at the RIM
21 February	Commemoration of the 1 st NACD – the culmination of activities Airing of video messages

As we embark on this historic milestone, let us come together in celebrating the first National Anti-Corruption Day, reaffirming our commitment to progress and prosperity, anchored in the unwavering integrity that define the Bhutanese identity.

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