

**Auditor General's Welcome Speech at
the Closing Ceremony of 8th Annual Audit Conference:**
"Auditing in an IT Environment"
(Saturday 23rd July, 2005)

The RAA family sees the successful completion of yet another Annual Audit Conference. There is a saying “where there is will there is a way”. We had the will and SDC /Helvetas had the money. We could conclude the 8th Annual Audit Conference. This conference is on the theme chosen as the Auditing in an IT Environment.

We are happier that the closing ceremony of this particular Conference is graced with the presence of non-other then by the Hon’ble Minister of Information and Communications. Lyonpo we feel deeply honoured to have you with us this afternoon as our Chief Guest. On behalf of all of us present and on my own I warmly welcome your honour.

Hon’ble Lyonpo,
As we auditors commit to the auditing of three Es; as we take up more performance and value for money audits, we see the usefulness of the Information communication technology even more.

Thus there is a lot that the Ministry and the RAA could cooperate for advocacy, awareness, education and capacity building.

As the nation transforms from a monarchy to democracy, where freedom of speech and expression will be professed as a right and the sense of accountability and transparency crucial, an effective auditing and communication could not be wished away. We thank your honour for accepting our invitation.

In like manner I wish to extend our warmest welcome to the other distinguished guests for joining us to share this afternoon.

As my colleagues will shortly be briefing you on results of our works over the last few weeks, in particular the last few days, I would like to say that we have adopted an ambitious plan for ourselves. Yet given the continuous capacity building I have every hope these are attainable.

In the field pertaining to the theme, as a first phase, we shall carry out auditing of the preparatory activities such as procurement and use of IT equipments, the gainful utilization of the websites, effectiveness of the software development in agencies and above all monitor the implementation of BIPS. Simultaneously every team will exploit and capitalize fully on the use and benefits of the IC technologies in every audit they carry out.

We hope these activities will gradually, not only prepare us for IT auditing *per se*, it must contribute towards the fulfillment of the goals of the ICT policies of the RGOB for full e-governance.

My colleagues,

As we enjoy the support of the Royal Government, the Bhutanese people and the recognition of the world auditing family, it calls on us to deliver even more. Besides as advised by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, we shall be mindful, that effectiveness in auditing shall not be at the cost of attainment of the higher national goals. In short, we shall be firm and assertive in our works but conduct them with a humane face and approach.

I therefore call upon you to rise and live upto the expectation of the society. I urge you all to strive, persevere and excel. I wish you all well.

I would also wish to express my sincerest appreciation to the Secretary General, coordinator, chairmen, rapporteurs and all others who had contributed to the successful organization of this particular conference. I would also like to congratulate the new Secretary General and Committee of the Ninth Annual Audit Conference for their elections. I also would like to express my happiness to making the conference relevant to the theme by making maximum use of the ICT technology. We had an audio visual presentation of the theme at the inauguration and the report of our head of PDIR being presented in electronic form during the conference though the person is away abroad in Beijing. I commend those who produced these as work of innovation and demonstration of their dedication to the profession of auditing.

I also wish to commend the OAAG, Tsirang for their exemplary performance and case presenters on auditing beyond books of account and the winners of the best audit observation.

Your works were not only of great importance and sample of best practices in RAA the manner in which each of you dealt the presentation including use of IT was encouraging. I expect more will emulate not only to make the next conference a more innovative one but such practice will become the work culture in RAA.

Last but not the least, I cannot thank the SDC / Helvetas enough for the ever willing support to this institution. We shall remember to gain full mileage of your generosity.

Once again with our greatest sense of gratitude I once again welcome one and all to this ceremony.

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