



**TASHICHHODZONG**  
**THIMPHU, BHUTAN**

## **THE ROYAL CHARTER OF THE ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF BHUTAN**

**WHEREAS** the Kingdom of Bhutan desiring to provide for the economic and cultural development of the nation and to promote the cultural enrichment, personal development and well being of its people has desired and willed to establish a university;

**AND WHEREAS** for the purpose of dissemination of knowledge and advancement of learning through a balanced, well regulated and sound tertiary education system in Bhutan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jigme Singye Wangchuck, King of Bhutan hereby issue this Charter for a University in the Kingdom of Bhutan.**

### **ARTICLE 1: PRELIMINARY**

#### **1.1. Name, Title and Commencement**

**1.1.1** There shall be constituted and founded the Royal University of Bhutan, hereinafter referred to as 'the University'.

**1.1.2** This Charter shall be called the Royal Charter of the Royal University of Bhutan.

**1.1.3** This Charter shall come into immediate effect.

#### **1.2 Definition of Terms**

**1.2.1** 'Charter' refers to the Royal Charter of the Royal University of Bhutan.



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**More specifically the objectives of the University shall be**

- 2.1 to develop and provide programmes of study at tertiary education level, of relevance and good quality which will fulfil the needs of the country for an educated and skilled population, and**
- 2.2 to promote and conduct research, to contribute to the creation of knowledge in an international context and to promote the transfer of knowledge of relevance to Bhutan.**

### **ARTICLE 3: CONSTITUTION**

**Subject to the provisions of the Charter and Statutes of the University:**

- 3.1 There shall be a University Council which shall be the supreme governing authority for the University.**
- 3.2 There shall be as formal Head of the University a Chancellor appointed by the Sovereign on the advice of the University Council.**
- 3.3 There shall be an Academic Board for the University which shall be responsible for all academic matters in the University.**
- 3.4 There shall be a Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Executive Head of the University.**
- 3.5 There shall be a Registrar.**



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- 3.6 The powers and responsibilities of the University Council, Chancellor, Academic Board and the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar are set out in the Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE 4: EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY**

Admission to any office or appointment in the University, and the admission of students to the University shall be on merit and irrespective of religion, origin, sex, sexual orientation, or race.

#### **ARTICLE 5: ALTERATIONS**

No part of this Charter shall be amended, other than by Royal Decree.

Issued on the Seventeenth Day of the Second Month of the Female Water Sheep Year of the Bhutanese calendar corresponding to 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2003.

Jigme Singye Wangchuck  
King of Bhutan