A letter from our Co-Chair
Her Majesty the Queen Mother
Galyum Tshering Pem Wangchuck

In today's Bhutan, we have many reasons to be proud and hopeful: our beautiful traditions and cultural heritage, our diverse natural environment, our opportunities for development, and much more. However, nothing gives us more pride in and hope for Bhutan than our young people. As we look towards the future, we believe that fostering their growth is where our best efforts must lie.

It is our aim as a country to provide each young person the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. Developing the skills and talents of our young people not only helps them to grow individually, it is essential for nation building. As we develop Bhutan's young democracy, it has never been more important to have healthy, eager, trained, and educated young people to lead the way in social and economic development, environmental conservation, engagement in good governance, and cultural preservation.

With these aspirations in mind, I am pleased to present to you The Next Generation: Bhutan Foundation Annual Report 2016. In it, you will see that the Bhutan Foundation does much more than believe in the promise of children, youth, and young adults. Your support through the Bhutan Foundation helps young Bhutanese to learn, to
share their knowledge with others, to stay healthy, to address obstacles, and to become employable. Your support will help the next generation carry on the values, cultures, and traditions that give Bhutan its unique identity.

My passion will always be to nurture our youth, day after day, year after year—for it is their skills, their labor and commitment to the country that will build our future. There is no other path, no other tool, for Bhutan's future success. I am deeply grateful for your support through the Bhutan Foundation of Bhutan's youth, who are indeed the builders of our future.

Her Majesty the Queen Mother  
Gyaluyum Tshering Pem Wangchuck


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