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ELECTION COMMISSION OF BHUTAN
(Ensuring Free, Fair & Democratic Elections & Referendums)

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Public Notification on Social and Religious Events during the 4th Local Government Elections, 2027

Further to the Election Commission of Bhutan's Notification No. ECB/DoECE/(01)/2026-2027/2058, dated 28 July 2026, the Commission hereby reiterates to the general public and all concerned that the Five-Year tenure of the incumbent Local Government (LG) members of 205 *Gewogs* and Samdrup Jongkhar *Dzongkhag Thromde Tshogde* will complete on 21 January 2027.

Pursuant to Article 24 (5) of the Constitution and Section 202 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008, the second phase of the Fourth Local Government Elections, comprising elections to the *Gewog Tshogdes* in the 20 *Dzongkhags* and Samdrup Jongkhar *Thromde*, shall be conducted within the statutory 90-day period from 22 January to 21 April 2027.

Accordingly, all individuals, families, communities, administrations, organizations, institutions and agencies are advised to refrain from organizing social and religious events and or activities during this period, other than the age-old annual *Dzongkhag Tshechus* and historical/traditional rituals, which may proceed as usual but with prior information, either to the Election Commission of Bhutan or the *Dzongkhag* Administration concerned. All *Dzongkhag*, *Gewog* and *Thromde* Administrations, Local Government functionaries and Central Agencies are requested to disseminate this notice widely within their jurisdictions, including through community and religious leaders, to ensure the public and all stakeholders are informed in good time and can make appropriate arrangements to avoid inconvenience or disruption to their plans during the Local Government election period.

The ECB seeks the understanding, support and cooperation of all individuals, agencies, organizations/institutions in ensuring the smooth conduct of the forthcoming Local Government Elections, 2027.

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