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H.E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell

Secretary General, BIMSTEC

H. E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell took up the position of the Secretary General of BIMSTEC on 06 November 2020.

After graduation, Mr. Lekphell started his career as a militia officer in the capacity of a Lieutenant (1990-2004) at the Royal Bhutan Army. Thereon, he joined the Bhutanese civil service, where he served for more than a decade (1994-2007) before he resigned to participate in Bhutan's historic democratic elections of 2013 and 2018. Earlier, he served as the Chief Labour Officer, Ministry of Labour and Human Resources from 1999 – 2007 and Planning Officer, Ministry of Agriculture from 1994-1998.

Being the founding leader and the Secretary General, H. E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell, subsequently became the Advisor and Executive Member of the third political party of Bhutan, Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT), which is the present ruling party of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

He was the founder of Institute for Management Studies (IMS), first private management training institute of Bhutan and served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute from 2009 – 2017. He also launched several private ventures that have enabled creation of employment for numerous Bhutanese youth. Mr. Lekphell spearheaded several national projects in Bhutan, i.e., NATION IN PRAYER (2019 – 2020), TENDREL (2016).

In 2016, Mr. Lekphell achieved Global Environment Leader Award from Global Environment Foundation, New Delhi, for the initiative TENDREL- planting of 108,000 trees to welcome the birth of the first Prince. In 2003, he received Druk Yagyel Medal from His Majesty the King for gallantry following the military service to the nation.

Mr. Lekphell holds a Masters Degree in Science (Agriculture Economics) from London University, United Kingdom and Bachelors in Science from Sherubtse College, affiliated to Delhi University, India.

H. E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell is married to Mrs. Chokey Yangzom and blessed with three children.