



RDTC SPOTLIGHT

The Bhutan-Swiss collaboration at the Rural Development Training Centre was formally dedicated to the celebration of 100 years of the Glorious Monarchy of Bhutan on the 7th of May, 2008. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Dasho Sherub Gyaltsen, Honourable Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Mrs. Ruth Dreifuss, former President of the Government of Switzerland. This event marked a significant milestone in an enduring partnership between Bhutan and Switzerland, symbolizing shared commitment to rural development and national progress.

By 2022, the Rural Development Training Centre (RDTC) was officially transitioned from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Ministry of Education and Skills Development. This institutional shift marked a strategic move to align the centre's training programs more closely with national priorities in education, youth engagement and skills development, thereby broadening its mandate to enhance capacity building across rural communities.

Highlights

- Launching of Landscape Technician BQF certificate 3
- MoU was signed between GBCL and RDTC
- Establishment of café and open pavilion
- Construction of Tree Top Deck
- Developed Eco-trail
- Food Product Development and Innovation Training by Thai experts
- Food Product Packaging Training by Thai Experts

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Launching of Landscape Technician BQF Certificate 3

This program is thoughtfully designed to equip trainees with comprehensive knowledge, practical skills and the right professional attitudes essential for becoming competent and confident landscape technicians. Through hands-on training and theoretical sessions, trainees will gain the expertise needed to contribute effectively to the beautification and ecological enhancement of our communities.

This initiative aligns with RDTC's continued commitment to skills development and rural employment, paving the way for trainees to pursue rewarding careers in landscaping.



The collaboration not only enhances the employability of the trainees but also contributes to the national objective of developing a skilled workforce ready to meet the evolving needs of Bhutan's infrastructure and environmental development sectors.

MoU was signed between GBCL and RDTC

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was officially signed between the Green Bhutan Corporation Limited (GBCL) and the Rural Development Training Centre (RDTC), marking a significant step towards strengthening industry-institution collaboration.

Under the terms of this agreement, RDTC trainees will have the valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience by participating in real-world landscaping and construction projects managed by GBCL. This partnership is aimed at bridging the gap between academic learning and industry expectations, enabling trainees to apply their classroom knowledge in practical settings, enhance their technical competencies and build industry-relevant work ethics.

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Establishment of café and open pavilion

As part of its continued efforts to enhance the campus environment and promote community engagement, the Rural Development Training Centre (RDTC) is proud to announce the establishment of a new café and open pavilion. The café is designed to offer a warm, cozy and inviting space where guests, trainees, staff and visitors can relax and connect. Whether enjoying a cup of freshly brewed aromatic coffee or indulging in a selection of organic snacks, the café fosters a welcoming atmosphere for conversation, collaboration and reflection.



Designed to harmonize with the natural environment, the tree top deck not only enriches the aesthetic appeal of the centre but also promotes well-being and creativity through its tranquil and elevated perspective.

Construction of Tree Top Deck

In an effort to blend nature with innovative design, the Rural Development Training Centre (RDTC) has completed the construction of a beautifully crafted tree top deck. Nestled among the trees, this elevated platform offers a truly immersive outdoor experience, allowing visitors to connect with the natural surroundings in a refreshing and inspiring way.

The tree top deck significantly enhances the campus environment by providing breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape, clean mountain air and a serene atmosphere ideal for reflection and relaxation. More than just a scenic viewpoint, the tree top deck also serves as a unique multifunctional space for informal gatherings, group discussions and recreational activities.

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Developed Eco- trail

As part of its commitment to environmental sustainability and experiential learning, the RDTC has successfully developed a thoughtfully designed eco-trail that winds through the campus's rich natural landscape.

The eco-trail offers visitors, trainees and staff a scenic and sustainable pathway that highlights the beauty of local flora, fauna and terrain. Carefully constructed to minimize environmental impact, the trail promotes eco-friendly practices while encouraging a deeper appreciation for nature and biodiversity.



A key focus of the training was the use of locally available and indigenous ingredients to encourage the development of unique, culturally rooted food products with commercial potential.

Food Product Development and Innovation

The RDTC organized a five-day hands-on training on Food Product Development and Innovation, conducted by two food experts from Kasetsart University, Thailand. The training aimed to strengthen the technical capacity of trainees, staff and aspiring entrepreneurs in developing new food products or improving existing ones. Participants gained valuable insights into the entire product development process—from idea generation and formulation to processing techniques, packaging and sensory evaluation. The sessions emphasized the importance of aligning food innovation with consumer needs, market trends, nutritional value and food safety standards.

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Food Product Packaging Training

A four-day Food Product Packaging Training was conducted by another two Thai experts from Kasetsart University, Thailand. The program focused on modern packaging techniques, food safety, shelf-life extension and eco-friendly solutions. Key materials covered included plastics, glass, metals and paper, addressing primary, secondary and tertiary levels of packaging. The training emphasized sustainable and practical innovations aimed at improving food quality, reducing waste and enhancing market competitiveness.



Key Activities Carried out (from 2023– Till date)

Sl.No.	Course offered	Duration	Participants /target	Male	Female	Total
1	Bakery & confectionary	1 month	Youth	49	99	148
2	Barista	1 month	Youth	84	109	193
3	Basic Floriculture	1 month	Youth	42	83	125
4	Dairy Product Development	1 month	Youth	59	30	89
5	Culinary Arts	2 months	Youth	29	19	48
6	Herbs & Spices product Development	1 month	Youth	2	6	8
7	Orchid Culture	1 month	Youth	10	16	26
8	Food Product Development	1 month	Youth	34	45	79
9	Landscaping Technology (BQF Level III)	11 months	Youth	12	7	19 (on-going)
10	Food Processing (BQF Level II)	11 months	Youth	-	-	To be launched soon in August 2025

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Woman's Day Celebration

RDTC celebrated Woman's Day on March 8th, 2025 to recognize and honor the achievements, contributions and resilience of women across various fields. It serves as a powerful platform to advocate for gender equality, empower women and inspire positive change in society.

it also empowers communities to recognize and uplift the voices, struggles and success stories of women, paving the way for a more just and balanced future for all.



Menstrual Hygiene Day



RDTC celebrated Menstrual Hygiene day on 28th May, 2025, for raising awareness and breaking the silence, stigma and taboos surrounding menstruation.

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