

Concluding Remarks

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Your Excellency, eminent speakers, ladies and gentlemen. Good afternoon, la!

As we conclude our conference today on the theme “Responsiveness and Adaptability: Insights into Leadership in Turbulent Times,” I am very honoured and delighted to deliver the concluding remarks.

This is the first-ever national conference taking place at Norbuling Rigter College since its start in August 2017. We have begun writing our history and this historical process will continue in years to come. This will be an annual event for NRC henceforth.

I am extremely pleased that this conference is graced by Your Excellency, well-presented by reputed scholars and researchers, and attended by enthusiastic audiences. Kadrin Chhey, la.

We have had the following four sub-themes in today’s conference – Leadership and values; Leadership and Buddhist Perspectives; Leadership and Education; and Leadership and Responsiveness. There were 11 related specific themes topics ranging from Leadership without entitlement mentality to the Balanced Scorecard and Level-5 Leadership Approach.

The presentations and discussions of the above themes and topics put me in the mind of something, that is usually attributed to Johann W Goethe, who said “The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.”

I think it is time to finish what we started and move in a new direction, to make the hope that we have heard from our speakers today into reality. It is time to move in a direction that will help us to deliver together on our shared goals of being good leaders who can respond to and adapt during turbulent times in the framework of Bhutanese fundamental values, and produce a unique leadership model to suit the need of the hour.

As with all such events, this conference has been an outstanding example. Our minds have been assailed by a torrent of ideas, information, statistics, interpretations and visions. There is, indeed, plenty to reflect upon.

Finally, with all due respect, I would like to thank your Excellency for your presence as the Key keynote speaker. I really appreciate and remain grateful for the time and effort you took to share your thoughts with us this morning. I look forward to having you again for our next year's conference, la.

I would also like to thank all the speakers for your excellent thought-provoking talks. Thank you for sharing your knowledge. You made a difference. I look forward to hearing you speak again in the coming years. Thank you, the session chairmen, for organizing and animating your sessions and keeping things both under control and reasonably on time. I would like to thank the Conference Convenor Madam Karma Pedey for your enthusiastic and dedicated work. I saw you putting your heart and soul into making this event happen. Thank you, Madam.

Thank you, all the audience. It was a great honour to have you all attentive and disciplined.

Thank you all and Trashhi Delek, la!!