

Training Report

The Swiss-Bhutan Friendship Association (Society Switzerland-Bhutan) through the Switzerland-Bhutan Exchange Program had organized and conducted a practical attachment training on modern office works and IT-tools [includes MS word, MS Excel and Database etc] from 19th September to 23rd October 2005 at the Company of ecoprocess Ernst Reinhardt and Partners Ltd. in Zurich. It mainly focused on the highly modernized office works and handling of IT-tools in a systematic and advanced way.

I have been fully guided by the Chairman, Ernst Reinhardt on modern office works and IT-tools throughout my practical attachment training in Switzerland and partly by Patrick Vogel on IT-tools and Project Management at the reflecta Company in Bern.

Mr. Mario Fehr, Member of the National Parliament, Lower House, Switzerland has organized a guided tour to the Swiss Parliament in session. His information on the working procedures of the Swiss Parliament and it's relation to the Government, as well as with regards to some salient features of Swiss federalism were extremely valuable. The tour was attended by Board members of the Society and Mr. W. Kuelling, former Secretary General of Helvetas. In addition, I was also been briefed by Mr. Dominique Guenat on the roles and responsibilities of the village councillor with emphasis to the tasks of small communities. This has enhanced my knowledge about the democratic setup in Switzerland and has enabled me to make some comparative studies with our government policies.

During weekends, an exposure trip had been organized to Lausanne, Neuchâtel, Basel, Bern, Zurich and Bernese Oberland, Schilthorn etc. thus familiarizing with daily life and transport in Switzerland. Besides gaining exposure, the course has enabled me to interact with important personalities and establish good personal relationship and understanding with them.

I have also been involved in the preliminary preparation of the Joint Cultural Programme-2008 on the occasion of the centenary of the Wangchuk dynasty. The Society Switzerland-Bhutan in co-operation with it's sister organization Bhutan-Switzerland prepared to contribute substantially to this august occasion. A cultural road show with Swiss and Bhutanese musicians, accompanied by a catering team, that will tour from West to East and South will be the back-bone. Furthermore, a well illustrated documentation on the longstanding co-operation and friendship between Bhutan and Switzerland is conceived in close touch with Helvetas.

I also had an opportunity to meet the following important persons during my staying in Switzerland, which was arranged by Chairman, Mr. Ernst Reinhardt.

- a) Mr. Mario Fehr, Member of the National Parliament, Lower House, Switzerland
- b) Mr. Werner Kuelling, Former Secretary-General, Helvetas HQ, Zurich.
- c) Mr. Andreas Wiederkehr, Desk Officer Bhutan, Helvetas HQ, Zurich.

The following are the benefits of the course:

1. Good exposure to modern office works and handling of IT-tools in a systematic and in advanced way.
2. Gained useful insight into some political features of Switzerland, which are relevant to our system.
3. Enhanced greater understanding and gained necessary skills required in discharging the day-to-day responsibilities.
4. Able to establish very good personal relationship with important personalities.

My deepest appreciation goes to the main host Mr. and Mrs. Ernst and Annegret Reinhardt, Chairman, Society Switzerland-Bhutan with whom I stayed for the better part of my visit.

Further, I would also like to thank the following hosts for accepting me to be a part of the family during my stay in Switzerland, besides their busy and tight schedule.

- a) Mr. Ueli and Mrs. Katharina Ruegg, Board Member, Society Switzerland-Bhutan.
- b) Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and Dr. Dechen Wangmo, Board Member.
- c) Mr. and Mrs. Dominique and Annemarie, Board Member.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Society, its Board and all my hosts having financed this tour.

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