Former Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay in conversation with Dr. Hugo Bigi

«The Challenges facing Bhutan»

On Friday June 14th, 2019, more than 60 people attended the interesting evening talk with Dasho Tshering Tobgay at HWZ Zurich. In his answers to the questions of Dr. Hugo Bigi Dasho Tshering Tobgay was optimistic about the development of Bhutan. He elaborated on how much Bhutan has developed over the last few decades in the areas of democratization, education and economic growth. He pointed out: Democracy is working.

What are the social challenges and how can they be solved? Bhutan faces the challenge to generate enough economic growth and job opportunities for the young and well-educated Bhutanese. Dasho Tshering Tobgay adds that it is important to create additional economic growth centers around the country. In a country of only about 720’000 inhabitants there are limited human resources and there is as well a relatively small interior market. Entrepreneurship and the private sector need to be fostered. There is a need to create and deepen awareness. Dasho Tshering Tobgay stated that the current rural-urban migration is a step in the process of development which can’t be stopped. It will take time and better infrastructure till living and working in rural areas will be attractive again for well-educated young Bhutanese.

During the Q&A session and the following Apéro the lively and inspiring sharing continued. Thank you Dasho Tshering Tobgay and Dr. Hugo Bigi!