



KISS *Humanitarian* Award 2012

His Excellency Lyonchhen Jigmi Y. Thinley
Prime Minister, Royal Government of Bhutan

Sir,

Advocacy of true societal progress through the pursuit of human happiness as a timeless goal, demonstrates the sensitivity and compassion of a visionary. Concerned by the widening gap between the rich and poor and the way in which humanity is being impelled toward self destruction by insatiable greed, depleting natural resources and rising conflicts, you have moved the world to consider alternative development models. To this end, you have offered Gross National Happiness (GNH) as a holistic, sustainable and inclusive development paradigm. The nine domains of GNH, viz., educational attainment, income level and distribution, environment resilience, cultural diversity, community vitality, time use and balance, emotional and psychological well being and quality of governance, speak clearly of the human centered nature of your development philosophy. As a leader with feet firmly on the ground, you have been thinking of eradication of poverty, sustainable employment, ecological crisis, socio-economic crises and many other issues pertaining to all round development of people at large. It needs courage to ask, how democratic systems can serve the community, nation and the globe when inequality becomes a reality and when limited resources including water will be in the hands of the strong and powerful. Your focus on eradicating poverty, conserving the fragile Himalayan ecology and on social and economic empowerment of the poorer sections has earned you world appreciation.

In admiration to your qualities, visions for a beautiful world and concern for the humanity at large, the management of KISS unanimously resolves to confer on you the KISS Humanitarian Award – 2012 on this day, the 8th September 2012.

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