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Bhutan COVID-19 situation

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan reported its first case of the coronavirus after an American tourist tested positive. The 76-year-old man arrived in Bhutan from India on March 2, and was admitted to hospital on March 6 with a fever, where he tested positive for COVID-19. After a week of treatment in Bhutan he was sent back to his home country USA by an air ambulance.

Following detection of the first COVID-19 positive case on 6th March, all incoming tourist movements were restricted and tourists within country were advised to return by 20th Mar. By this time the pandemic had started taking its toll all over the world which forced thousands of Bhutanese nationals living abroad returned to the country through various rescue / relief flights operated by Druk Air & Tashi Air and some of them tested corona positive.

Bhutan ordered its first nationwide lockdown on 11 Aug after a returning resident tested positive for coronavirus after being discharged from quarantine and coming into close contact with people in the capital Thimphu.

At the time of writing this newsletter on 18 Sept, six new case were detected, and seven cases were declared recovered during the last 24 hours. Those who test negative twice over a 24 hour period are kept under 14 days of observation in a quarantine facility.

National Situational Update on COVID-19 (data as of 18th September 2020)

Confirmed case 252

Active case 70

Recovered 182

Death 0

A 21-day lockdown was lifted in a phased manner with 1 Sept being first unlock day and 11 Sept being 3rd and final. With the restriction on movement of people and vehicles now relaxed, schools have opened; inter district travel has resumed though border is still closed for visitors.



COVID-19 warrior De-Suong “Guardians of Peace and Harmony” relentlessly serving the nation during lockdown



MAY I HELP YOU? COVID-19 warrior De-Suong “Guardians of Peace and Harmony” in action.



Destination BHUTAN

HERITAGE HOME - A UNIQUE ACCOMMODATION IN THIMPHU

This heritage home is 150 years old typical traditional home preserved to its former glory. Valuing its historical significance, the proprietor has diligently restored house to offer discerning travelers, the experience and beauty of characteristic Bhutanese hospitality.



This three storied traditional Bhutanese rammed-mud house is inherited by the forefathers of the present proprietor. The house has fully furnished wooden floor, small arched windows and sloping roofs, equipped with requisite tourist amenities.

Dining hall is adorned with traditional materials hanged on the walls and the pillars those are 150 years old. Guests have opportunity to taste mouth-watering Bhutanese foods and multi-cuisine prepared by specialised cooks.

The Heritage Home serves set menus, including local Bhutanese dishes tuned to taste of international guests. Drinks are available with choice of international, regional and local specialities including ‘Ara’ distilled from fermented wheat, maize or millet and ‘Bangchang’ fermented wheat of corn juice. ’

More details: www.visitbhutan.com/heritagehome-babesa.html

