



Promoting Tradition

JPS Enterprises beat Bhutan Visit in the traditional bow archery final

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National game in the traditional style is used for preserving and promoting our culture and tradition.

This is a message that is conveyed annually through the conduction of the Jigme Dorji Wangchuck memorial shield archery tournament. The tournament, which is played using traditional bows and arrows, saw twelve teams competing, which started on March 26, 2010.

The finals, which began on Sunday ended yesterday with JPS Enterprises beating Bhutan Visit.

The "Indian Embassy sponsored Nu. 250,000, which was sufficient to buy about 50% of the cost of the prizes," said Pema Tshering, the tournament Director.

Mr, Pavan K. Varma, Indian ambassador to Bhutan graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Each player from the winning team took home a 180 liters refrigerator, while players of the runners up took home a 21 inches Samsung color TV. The award for the best archer was taken by Tshering Penjor, who got a a 21 inch Samsung color TV and Nu.60,000.

Most of the spectators were senior citizens. "It reminds us of our early days" Ap Mindu, told BHUTAN TODAY. "But it is sad to see that there is more enthusiasm for compound bows. At this rate the traditional form may not last long," he added.

Another spectator said that the compound bows became popular after the initiation of the Yangphel style tournament,

which is very competitive and interesting. "I do not know why Yangphel is not organizing a similar one for traditional bows," he said. "If not Yangphel, someone or the government should do this. It will revive the spirit of the game. If I was rich, I would have done this," he said adding that it is a call or a request to our rich to take up this "national cause".



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Vaccine Preventable Disease Program (VPDP), Department for Public Health, Ministry of Health will be conducting a **nationwide Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination campaign** for all girls between the age of **12-18 years**. The HPV vaccine will protect women against cervical cancer. **3 doses (at 2 and 6 months)** must be completed for full protection.

The first round of vaccination campaign from 5th – 7th May, 2010 will be conducted at