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PRIME MINISTER C-2/2021/1/42

December 10, 2021

[Translated Text] **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Sub: Digital by Default for Government Services and Single Source of Truth

The Royal Government of Bhutan has prioritised Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development with the vision of building an ICT-enabled knowledge society. His Majesty on numerous occasions stressed on the importance of ICT and during his visit to the Royal Institute of Management (RIM) in 2019 said, "We have to figure out ways to use technology to solve problems— to improve governance, democracy, education, agriculture, to create jobs, enhance wellbeing, in healthcare, to make our cities safer and cleaner, and in various other ways that will benefit our people".

Although the ICTisation of government services took place a decade ago, service providers and customers have not leveraged the full potential of technology. With the COVID-19 pandemic since early 2020, the need for technology and digital platforms were felt more strongly than ever before, with the vigorous use of technology in providing online education, disseminating COVID-19 awareness and other important information to the citizens.

Our effort to realise a digitally transformed government should begin with collection of correct and timely data through ICT. Currently, due to the lack of coordination, many agencies collect the same data that leads to inconsistency and obsolete data resulting in misinformed decision making and obstructing data integrity in government.

Consequently, there is a lack of transparency and redundant effort between government agencies. Such issues arise from the fact that common data is not shared among agencies. For these reasons, it is crucial to identify relevant agencies as the owner for specific data who will be responsible for collection, updation and validation of data to complement our digital transformation endeavour.

Therefore, in keeping with the guiding principles of E-Governance Policy (2019) and in accordance with the policy statement "**Digital by Default**", all Ministries and Agencies are hereby directed to adopt *digital platforms as a primary channel* for service delivery while reforming the current services or initiating any new services.



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Furthermore, the government agencies should also re-use & share data that are collected by data-owners via the Government Data Exchange platform in compliance with the policy statement "Single Source of Truth".

The Ministry of Information and Communications shall identify and recommend a relevant agency as the owner for the particular data.

This Government Order shall come into force with immediate effect.

Sd/-(Dr Lotay Tshering)

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