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Architecture

Dzongs of Bhutan : Fortresses of the Dragon Kingdom
Thimphu : Bhutan Times Ltd., c2007
99936-705-2-9
112 p. : ill. ; 35 cm
\$ 80.00

[Arguably the most distinct and important structures of Bhutan, Dzongs (fortresses) are architectural masterpieces and are as fascinating in their origin as their functions and beauty. Each of the sites where the Dzongs stand was chosen owing to their sacted significance. Every Dzong is unique, not only in its size or design but also in the way it was chosen to be built in the first place. Many thrilling myths and legends encircle the Dzongs, just as devotees circle the Dzongs in prayer. Dzongs are not just places of religious duty and interest. Probably, the most defining factor which distinguishes the Dzongs from other forms of architecture around the world is the fact that they were constructed in the distant past and are still multifunctional today.]

Economics & Development Studies

Rethinking development : proceedings of second international conference on Gross National Happiness
Thimphu, Bhutan : The Centre for Bhutan Studies, c2007
xxxiv, 296 p. ; 23 cm
99936-14-38-6
\$ 50.00

Gross national happiness and material welfare in Bhutan and Japan/Tashi Choden
Thimphu : The Centre for Bhutan Studies, c2007
xii, 220 p. ; 22 cm
Includes Bibliography
99936-14-40-2
\$ 30.00

General

The Walk Across the Kingdom : Moving for Health in the Footsteps of our Ancestor /
Rinzin Namgay Dorji
Thimphu : S.N., 2006

vi, 96 p. ; ill. ; 18 cm.
99936-694-0-7
\$ 19.50

Recollection of the author and his team trekking across Bhutan

History

A brief biography of Aja Lama Zhenphen Drodul Dorji Tenzin Rinpoche (1921-2005) /
Lam Kezang Chhoephel
Bhutan : Trashiyangtse Institute for Zorig Chusum, 2005
115 p. ; 21 cm
99936-676-0-9
\$ 20.00

Chakzampa thangtong gyalpo : Architect, Philosopher and Iron Chain Bridge Builder /
Manfred Gerner(ed)
Translated from German by Gregor Verhufen
Thimphu : The Centre for Bhutan Studies, c2007
iii, 128 p. : ill. ; 22 cm
Includes Bibliography
99936-14-39-4
\$ 25.00

[Contents:

Preface

I. Biographical notes on Thangtong Gyalpo

II. Thangtong Gyalpo as an Architect and Blacksmith

III. Bridges in the Himalayas

IV. Thangtong Gyalpo's Iron Chain Bridge and their Influence in Europe

Bibliography]

Bhutan : 100 years of Wangchuck Vision / Gen Shubhi Sood
Noida : SDS Publishers, c2008
x, 177 p. : ill. ; 24 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index
978-81-902828-1-9
81-902828-1-6
\$ 120.00

[Dynastic rule, laid the foundation for everlasting peace and tranquility in Bhutan. The country under the Wangchucks has progressed rapidly towards economic self-reliance with democracy taking root in the country. This book was conceived and written to commemorate 100 years of Wangchuck Rule, when the Kingdom becomes a democracy with his Majesty, Druk Gyalpo, assuming the role of a "Constitutional Monarch".]

The legacy of a king : the fourth druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck / edited by Siok Sian Pek-Dorji
Thimphu : Department of Tourism, Royal Government of Bhutan, c2007
119 p. : ill. ; 30 cm
99936-624-6-1
\$ 40.00

[The legacy of a king is a tribute to the fourth King of Bhutan, His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck, who stepped down from the throne in December 2006

The combination of vivid images and voices in this publication documents and unforgettable period in Bhutan's history and helps us appreciate a vision that became a reality.

On the occasion of his majesty the King's 52nd birth anniversary, we reflect on the reign of an enlightened monarch and his vision for Bhutan, and celebrate the centenary of the Bhutanese Monarchy.]

100 years of monarchy : a tribute to our beloved kings

Thimphu : Rabsell media services, c2008

152 p. : ill. ; 24 cm

99936-705-8-2

\$ 150.00

[The establishment of Monarchy on the thirteenth day of the eleventh month of the Earth Monkey year is a high point that changed the history of Druk Yul forever. It marked the end of a political structure that began in the 17th century and the beginning of a Monarchical system of governance. A hundred years later, four successive hereditary monarchs have steered Druk Yul into the 21st century as a sovereign, stable and modernizing state while ensuring that her natural and cultural heritage remained intact.]

Literature

Within the Realm of Happiness / Kinley Dorji

Thimphu : S.N., 2008

xxi, 209 p. ; 22 cm.

99936-752-0-2

\$ 35.00

[This collection of 13 short stories, memoirs, and essays represents a mix of childhood memoirs, travel tales, and contemporary reflections on a rapidly changing populace. As Bhutan joins the modern world Kinley Dorji provides sensitive insights into the dilemmas that the people, and society, confront every day.]

Speaking statues, flying rocks / Sonam Kinga

Bhutan : DSB Publication, c2005

iii, 198 p. ; 21 cm

99936-12-05-7

\$ 25.00

Writing on Bhutan

Official Publications

Poverty analysis report 2007

Thimphu : National Statistics Bureau, Royal Government of Bhutan, 2007

67 p. ; 30 cm

\$ 25.00

Bhutan living standard survey 2007 report

Thimphu : National Statistics Bureau, Royal Government of Bhutan, 2007

127 p. ; 30 cm

\$ 30.00

National accounts statistics 2000-2006(October 2007)
Bhutan : National Statistics Bureau, Royal Government of Bhutan, 2007
43 p. ; 30 cm
\$ 45.00

Bhutan trade statistics for the year 2007
Thimphu : Department of Revenue and customs, Royal Government of Bhutan, 2008
v. ; 30 cm
\$ 130.00

Statistical yearbook of Bhutan 2007
Thimphu : National Statistics Bureau, Royal Government of Bhutan, 2007
200 p. ; 30 cm
\$ 75.00

Statistical yearbook of Bhutan 2006
Thimphu : National Statistics Bureau, Royal Government of Bhutan, 2006
258 p. ; 30 cm
\$ 75.00

Sociology

As I am, so is my nation / Thakur S. Powdyel
Thimphu : [S.N], c2007
81 p. ; 22 cm
99936-19-05-1
\$ 15.00

On the social culture of the people of Bhutan

Media and Public culture : proceedings of the second international seminar on Bhutan Studies
Thimphu, Bhutan : Centre for Bhutan Studies, c2007
532 p. ; 23 cm
99936-14-41-6
\$ 50.00

The restless relic / Karma Tenzin
2nd edition (First edition 2006)
Phuentsholing : KMT Press, 2007
146 p. ; 22 cm
99936-639-0-5
\$ 15.00

Bhutan 2007 : Land of the thunder dragon / edited by Siok Sian Pek-Dorji
Thimphu : Department of Tourism, c2007
80 p. : ill. ; 25 cm
99936-624-5-2
Annual Publication
\$ 20.00
