

Training Offer: English Proficiency Advance Level Course for teaching faculty

Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry is happy to inform that National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chennai will be organizing English Proficiency Advance Level Course from 29th March 2019 to 24th May 2019 for Thirty (30) Bhutanese Teachers participants under ITEC Program funded by Govt. of India.

We kindly invite nominations from various School Teachers with a good working knowledge of English. Interested private School candidates may kindly process your application through BCCI office.

The eligibility criteria are:

- i. i) Age Limit: 25-45
- ii. Ii) Qualification: Bachelor's Degree

Kindly note that the last date for submitting nominations is 28th February 2019. For query kindly contact Mr. Tenzin Wangchuk, Private Sector HR Division at 02-322742 or email at: tenzin.wangchuk@bccci.org.bt

Global Housing Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-India)

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is organizing a Grand Expo- cum- Conference on "Global Housing Technology Challenge-India" (GHTC-India) at Vigyan Bhawan, New during 4-5 March 2019.

The Global Expo intends to have participation from a wide range of stakeholders such as housing technology providers, Housing construction companies, private and public sector agencies, developers, entrepreneurs, researchers, technical institutions among others from across the world.

Through the Expo, companies will be able to showcase their technologies and expertise, will have panel discussions, inspiring talks/sessions, exhibitions of prototypes, models, digital and poster displays, exchanges of knowledge and business part from providing networking opportunities, B2B interactions with global as well as India industry partners and explore further areas of collaboration.

Any interest participants/ business delegation may visit www.ghtc-india.gov.in or for further information, contact Mr. R. K. Gautam, Director, MoHUA, +9111 23063266 email: ghtc-mhua@gove.in or Ms. Priya Nair Director (ED) email: dired@mea.gov.in

Reinforcement of Limited Plastic Ban Notification 1999

This has reference to the Notification on the Ban of the Use/Sale of Plastic Carry Bags, Doma Wrappers and Homemade Ice Cream (Pepsi) Pouches issued by the then Ministry of Trade and Industry vide letter No. MTI/VIII-3/427 dated April 20, 1999, in conjunction with the then Ministry of Health and Education, the then Ministry of Communication, the National Environment Commission and the Bhutan Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

After decades of notification and diligent efforts by the relevant agencies, the implementation of the ban is still a challenge. In this connection, the National Environment Commission Secretariat (NECS) consulted relevant agencies on November 13, 2018, wherein the agencies came to an agreement to reinforce the ban. Therefore, the NECS would like to notify the relevant agencies that reinforcement of the ban will commence with effect from April 1, 2019. In an effort to prepare for successful implementation, all the relevant agencies are requested to carry out the following:

1. Sensitizing programs in respective fields/general public
2. Explore the availability of alternative; and
3. Prepare the monitoring plan/program

With effect from the stipulated deadline, any Business establishments found selling/using the above mentioned plastic items shall be liable to the following penalties:

1. A fine of Nu. 500 for the first offence;
2. A fine of Nu. 1000 for the second offence; and
3. Subsequent violation shall result in cancellation of the business license.

The NECS solicits cooperation and support of all agencies for successful implementation of the ban in line with the purpose of Waste Prevention and Management Act of Bhutan 2009, its regulation 2012 and Amendment 2016 to protect and sustain human health through protection of the environment by reducing the generation of waste at source.

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[Export Furniture Exhibition 2019 \(EFE 2019\) at Kuala Lumpur Convention Center](#)

Export Furniture Exhibition (EFE) is one of the top furniture fairs in Southeast Asia and has spearheaded the furniture trade scene for many years. The exhibition is the signature event of The Malaysian Furniture Council (MFC) and organized by EFE Expo Sdn Bhd., a subsidiary company of the Council. The Malaysian Furniture Council is the sole national body representing all the 13 States Furniture Associations of Malaysia and plays an active role in the development and betterment of the industry.

I am pleased to share with you the information on the Export Furniture Exhibition 2019 (EFE 2019) which will be held from 9 – 12 March 2019 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC).

The organiser is offering FIRST TIME OVERSEA BUYERS VISITING EFE 2019 with the following:

- Complimentary Accommodation – 4 Days 3 Nights (8-11 March 2019) in a 4-stars Hotel in Kuala Lumpur
- FREE Shuttle Services from KLIA to KLCC (7.00 am – 8.00 pm)
- FREE 1-day pass for KL City Tour*
- B2B Business Matching with Exhibitors
- FREE Access to Business Matching Platform
- Interpreter Services Provided*
- Special Invitation to Buyer Networking Night

**Terms & Conditions Apply*

Attached the Registration form and information related to this exhibition. The offer is typically evaluated based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Interested buyers should contact MATRADE Chennai as early as possible and submit the Registration Form with clear description of the products/services of interest before the deadline of 25th January 2019 (Friday).

For further details on EFE2019, please log on to www.efe.my or www.icw.my or kindly contact MATRADE Chennai at Tel: +91 44 2431 3722/ 3724 or email: chennai@matrade.gov.my

[Buyer Introduction Programme](#)

[Buyers Registration Form INSP EFE 2019](#)

Invitation to Meet Malaysian Manufacturers and Exporters in Conjunction with the 16th Malaysia International Halal Showcase [MIHAS 2019]

Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), the National Export Promotion Agency of Malaysia, will organize the 16th Edition of Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS 2019) at Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre [MITEC], Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 3rd to 6th April 2019. As the world premier halal industry event, MIHAS will serve as a platform to experience and source Malaysia's well-known Halal products and services.

This 16th edition of MIHAS will showcase exhibitors from more than 30 countries with products and services ranging from:

- a) Halal Consumables (Agriculture Produce, Processed and Ready-to-Eat Products, Chocolate & Dairy Products, Confectionery, Poultry & Seafood Products, Beverages, Food Chemicals, Emulsifiers & Ingredients, Additives, Herbal Products, Food Technology);
- b) Non-Food Halal Products (Perfumery, Toiletries, Cosmetics, Household Detergent);
- c) Halal Pharmaceuticals (Age-based Nutrition, Antioxidants, Medicine, Vaccine, Vitamins, Fortified Food & Beverage, Health Supplements);
- d) Halal Certified Premises (Hotels & Restaurants, Catering Services, Food Packaging & Machinery, Logistics, Warehousing); and
- e) Islamic Finance, Investment, Banking & Takaful (Commercial Banks, Electronic Banking, Islamic Financial Institutions and Consultants, Islamic Unit Trust, Islamic Capital Markets, Takaful (Insurance) and Hibah (Wills)).

In conjunction with MIHAS 2019, MATRADE is please to invite your company to participate in a pre-arranged, One-to-One Business Meeting Session on Tuesday, 2nd April 2019.

Selected Foreign Buyers are entitled for complimentary accommodation (up to 4 days 3 nights, 1st to 4th April 2019) and transport (hotel to business meeting and exhibition venues only).

To maximize your experience, Buyers are advised to arrive Kuala Lumpur on 1st April 2019 and depart 4th April 2019. You may continue for additional stay at your own cost and are encouraged to follow-up with Malaysian companies (factory visit).

Interested buyer should contact MATRADE Chennai and submit the completed Registration Form with clear description on the interested products/services before 1st February 2019.

For additional information, please log on to www.mihias.com.my or you may contact Mr. Muzzafar / Mr. Ram of MATRADE Chennai at Tel: +91 44 2431 3722/ 3724 or email: chennai@matrade.gov.my. Attached are the Registration Form, Tentative Programme and Products / Services Code for your reference.

[Product Service Code-INSP 2019](#)

[Letter of Undertaking MIHAS 2019](#)

[Buyer Registration Form – INSP MIHAS 2019](#)

[Tentative Programme – INSP MIHAS 2019](#)

Invitation for business meeting with Malaysian exporters in-conjunction with International Construction Week (ICW) 2019 & Asean Super 8

The Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), an export promotion agency of Government of Malaysia, in collaboration with the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) will be organising the International Sourcing Program (INSP) in-conjunction with International Construction Week (ICW) 2019 and ASEAN Super 8 in Kuala Lumpur from 18 – 21 March 2019 at Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC).

ICW is a leading construction platform for industry experts in Malaysian and the region to learn new products and technologies, show innovative ideas, showcase products & services, and create greater collaboration and partnership. In its 19 edition, CIDB and United Business Media (UBM) are working together to host ASEAN Super 8 which is a mega trade fair that covers various aspects of construction and the built environment. The trade fair itself is a combination of 8 leading exhibitions in Southeast Asia that are related to construction and building materials as follow:-

- 1) Ecobuild Southeast Asia
- 2) ASEAM M&E Show
- 3) Tenaga Expo & Forum
- 4) ASEAN Solar Expo & Forum
- 5) ASEAN Lift Expo & Forum
- 6) ASEAN Ecolight
- 7) Heavy Mach

8) IFSEC Southeast Asia

ICW 2019 is expected to attract over 20,000 trade visitors and 1,150 exhibiting companies from over 15 countries for its conferences and seminar sessions.

In-conjunction with ICW 2019, MATRADE would like to invite your company to meet Malaysian exporters in a pre-arranged, one-to-one business meetings will be held on the following date, time and venue:

Date : 19 March 2019 (Tuesday)

Time : 2 pm – 5 pm

Venue : (Hall 2, INSP Room) Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Please refer tentative programme, registration form and letter of undertaking as per attached.

Foreign buyers selected to participate in this programme are entitled to a complimentary accommodation (one room per company up to maximum of 3 days 2 nights from 18 – 20 March 2019), airport transfer and ground transport to hotel and exhibition venue only.

To benefit from the full programme, buyers are advised to arrive in Kuala Lumpur on 18 March 2019 and depart Kuala Lumpur on 20 March 2019. Buyers may continue to stay longer at their own cost and we encourage you to follow up the meeting by conducting factory visits & further discussion with the Malaysian companies. MATRADE can also assist you in meeting with other Malaysian companies that you may have already identified yourself. Just let us have the company's name and we will do the arrangements for you.

Interested buyers should contact this office as early as possible and submit the Registration Form with clear description of the products/services of interest and Letter of Undertaking before the deadline of 22 February 2019.

For further details on ICW 2019, please log on to <https://www.super8asean.com> or www.icw.my (to be updated by CIDB) or kindly contact MATRADE Chennai at Tel: +91-44-24313722 or email: chennai@matrade.gov.my

[Letter of Undertaking](#)

[Tentative Program](#)

[Buyer Registration Form ICW2019](#)

9th Bhutan-India Regional Friendship

Trade Fair

The Bhutan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI) is organizing the “**9th Bhutan-India Regional Friendship Trade Fair**” (9th BIRFTF) tentatively scheduled from 1-5th March 2019 in Gelephu, Bhutan in collaboration with Embassy of India, Thimphu.

The 9th Bhutan-India Regional Friendship Trade Fair would create a platform for showcasing products and services from two countries and congregation of business professionals for long-term business tie-ups between Bhutan India. Since the event is objectively focused towards further promotion of trade and investment between the two nations, the BCCI is keen to hold the same for which the event very much falls within the plan of BCCI.

Therefore, the BCCI would like to request your esteemed organization to kindly participate in the said fair to promote your business in the Southern Bhutan by exhibiting your goods and services.

Kindly confirm your participation with following officials:

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BIABPO-Free full-day Launch Symposium and Careers Fair at the Thimphu TechPark

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Taking place on 29 January 2019 on the theme “ Bhutan’s New Employment Growth and Export Opportunity ”, a full-day Launch Symposium and Careers Fair has been organised by the Bhutan Industry Association for Business Process Outsourcing (BIABPO) for ITES/BPO industry stakeholders.

The Chief Guest is Honorable Lyonpo Ugyen Dorji, Minister for Labour & Human Resources. International speakers and industry luminaries are flying in for the event.

3,000 New Office Jobs for Bhutanese Youths

Over the next five years, that's the mission of the BIABPO, the first industry association in Bhutan to promote Bhutan's young talent to employers abroad to work for them from our own small and beautiful country.

The first ITES/BPO industry Careers Fair in Bhutan

A full-scale Careers Fair, the first of its kind in Bhutan, will take place in the second half of the day at the same venue. The Fair provides an opportunity for those seeking a professional career with a foreign employer to indicate their interest and be considered for employment by current and incoming ITES/BPO locators. BIABPO Talent Development Committee Chair, Sonam Choki said "The Careers Fair aligns with BIABPO's mission of job creation, especially for our youth. Exposure to business practices, software and systems used by businesses in Singapore, Australia, the United States and other countries with advanced business process infrastructure will provide training and learning opportunities as well as stable income and employment for our youth."

Job Growth Delivered

The ITES/BPO industry in Bhutan is ready to scale, to create more new and sustainable jobs for Bhutanese youth, to empower the Bhutanese economy and to bring more wealth to the nation by creating a substantial new services export industry. As has happened in other countries, an ITES/BPO industry in Bhutan will improve social stability and the decentralisation of employment opportunities.

The Minister for Labour & Human Resources, Honorable Lyonpo Ugyen Dorji said "Our new Government accords high priority to addressing youth unemployment. The private sector has enormous potential to provide employment opportunities for young job seekers by leveraging foreign labour markets to bring jobs here over the internet.

BIABPO will also assist those already in the workforce but requiring reskilling and upskilling opportunities. The ITES/BPO sector is a new and alternative channel to sustainable job creation which is well proven in our region and is not dependent on the growth of the domestic economy. BIABPO's mission aligns with that of my Government's objective of creating gainful and productive employment opportunities and I look forward to working with the Association towards our mutual goals."

Executive Director of BIABPO, Kezang said "This is the game-changer for the Bhutanese services sector in terms of creating new jobs and revamping the export services industry in the country. Bhutan is now ITES/BPO-ready to reap the fruits of the fast-moving information and communications technology landscape which has already proven its ability to provide stable employment for millions of young people in other countries."

CEO of the Thimphu TechPark, Dr. Tshering C. Dorji, also lent his support to the event: "Thimphu TechPark is proud to co-sponsor and supports BIABPO's important launch event. BIABPO is the missing element in the development of

an offshore job sourcing solution and I welcome and support the initiative to create an industry association as has been successfully established by so many of our neighbouring countries.”

A Special Invitation

Our President has extended a special invitation to the press to cover the event and help promote the ITES/BPO opportunity and increase public and government awareness.

About the BIABPO

The Bhutan Industry Association for Business Process Outsourcing (BIABPO) has been established on 1 September 2018 in the Thimphu TechPark, as a voice and coordinating body in support of the ITES/BPO industry stakeholders in Bhutan.

BIABPO also has as a primary objective, responsibility to promote Bhutan as a new ITES/BPO destination of choice in the region. In the last 4 months, BIABPO has been able to launch its official website at www.bpo.bt and a fully functional, full-time Secretariat. We have been able to mobilise 16 Founding Member businesses till date and expect to double this number through the new year.

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