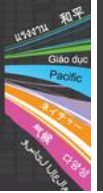


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“Green School for Green Bhutan” **- Towards a Green and Happy South Asia**

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"Green School for Green Bhutan" is basically a short documentary (22 minutes) urging people to consider the health of the entire planet and to take action in their own communities and villages. Therefore, this short documentary discusses about how every school in Bhutan is very serious about this policy, and that if young impressionable minds are trained to love, nurture and commune with nature, they can imagine the impact that they will have on entire societies. Therefore, it will not take long for other countries in Asia to follow and start similar projects in their communities to help alleviate climate change and natural disasters in other parts of the world.

This Green School Project has succeeded in many ways to encourage one and all that there would be no other way than to live in harmony and to have a peaceful coexistence between mankind and nature. Thus, in their effort, you'll find schools and communities coming together, particularly on 2nd June, to plant trees and turn large tracts of wastelands and forests gutted by fires during the dry season into natural forests and they will gain once again the elixir of life.

The “Green Schools for Green Bhutan” project in Bhutanese schools could easily turn into something more than a local project, but it can also inspire other countries in the region, especially our neighbors like China, India, Bangladesh and Nepal, to start similar projects in their countries as well. Only when this happens, it will make any impact at all!!! All the conservational efforts of a small and tiny kingdom like Bhutan have made would turn out to be meaningless “like a drop in the ocean...” unless our giant neighbors join us in this epic effort to save our environment and to prevent climate change and natural disasters in the Asia-Pacific region.

Therefore, it should be the collective responsibility of this present forum where we have all the eminent journalists from the Asia-Pacific region to help propagate this lofty idea and turn it into an institution all over the region. Simply imagine the impact it will have on our environment if one country as large as China or India starts such a project!!!