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The Druk Journal *Suja Dzow* Conversation

Where: Thimphu TechPark Ltd., Babesa When: Friday, 1 March 2019 Time: 02:00 – 04:00PM

Conversation on Transforming Bhutan's Economy		
Time	Programme	Organisation/Individual
01:45 - 02:15	Registration	<i>Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy</i>
02:15 - 02:30	Introduction of Speakers 'Transforming Bhutan's Economy'	<i>The Druk Journal Editor, Dasho Kinley Dorji</i>
02:30 – 03:50	Conversation	<i>Moderator Dasho Kinley Dorji</i>
03:50 – 04:30	High Tea	<i>Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy</i>
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Speakers

The panel of speakers consists of writers who have contributed for 'Transforming Bhutan's Economy', The Druk Journal's latest issue. Their articles focused on different policies, opportunities, reality, and areas for improvement to create conducive environment for entrepreneurship, and diversification of Bhutan's economy. This seminar will help in a launch of creativity and innovation.

Adrian Von Bernstoff is the Director of Entrepreneurialism Clinic (EC) at Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law, training Bhutan's future lawyers in the practical application of law in the field of entrepreneurship. Organic farming and associated value chains are focus areas of the EC. Adrian was raised on a progressive and organic farm family in Germany. He lives in Bhutan with his family and sees in Bhutan's unique farming culture the potential to develop a vibrant local economy.

Dr Joseph Lo worked in Bhutan from 2004-2009. He was involved with the development of crafts, focusing hand-woven textiles. His works aims to strike a balance between protection and conservation of the community's identity with openness to design innovation and development from outside.

Pema Lama is currently engaged with Better Business Council Secretariat, Ministry of Economic Affairs, through the Asian Development Bank. She is interested in topics of inclusive and sustainable development, and passionate about exploring dimensions that affect and shape the world we live in. She has an MBA from Aarhus School of Business (Denmark) and BA in Economics and International Relations from Tufts University (USA).

Dr Tshering Cigay Dorji is the Chief Executive Officer of Thimphu TechPark, Bhutan's First IT Park. With his deep passion for technology and youth entrepreneurship, he has been instrumental in making the IT Park, a vibrant place where hundreds of youths work. He has PhD in computer engineering from the University of Tokushima, Japan, and Master of Management from the University of Canberra, Australia.

Tshering Dorji is a journalist from Kuensel who has worked with Bhutan Today, The Journalist, and The Raven before joining the national newspaper. He has been writing business, economy, and financial stories for past nine years. In 2017, series of articles on GST won him the JAB award for Best Business story of the year.

Moderator

Editor, The Druk Journal, Dasho Kinley Dorji worked with the national newspaper, Kuensel, for 30 years and then joined the Ministry of Information and Communications as the secretary. He is the author of "Within the Real of Happiness". He retired in June 2016. As a young pensioner, he plans to write about life around him.