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Gelephu Mindfulness City

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1. Our Vision





“The purpose of establishing this SAR is to create a vibrant economic hub...by providing a conducive business environment and compelling incentives. It will be a Mindfulness City, encompassing conscious and sustainable businesses, inspired by Buddhist spiritual heritage, and distinguished by the uniqueness of the Bhutanese identity.”

His Majesty King Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck

Bhutan National Day, 17th December 2023

Our Vision

His Majesty's Diamond Strategy

First 20 years of divergent paths in a
"One Country, Two Systems" model.

Next 20 years of gradual reconvergence, leading
back into "One Country, One System" in 40 years.

To modernise Bhutan in parallel by establishing GMC
as a Special Administrative Region (SAR) to act as a
catalyst for reform to develop and achieve economic
success while retaining core Bhutanese values.



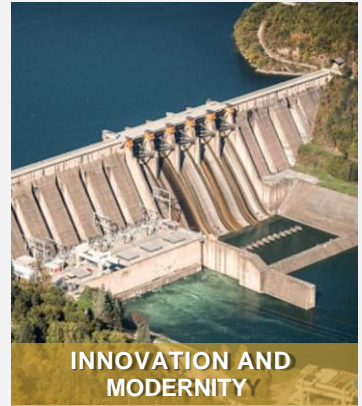
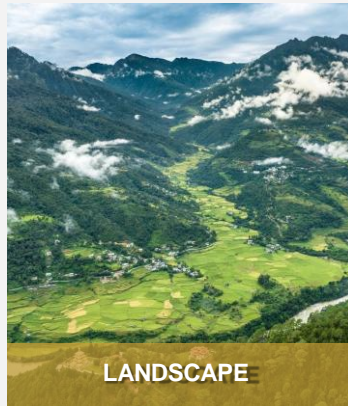
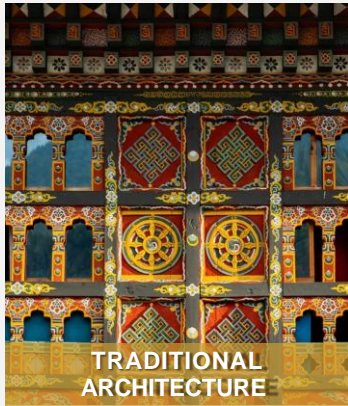
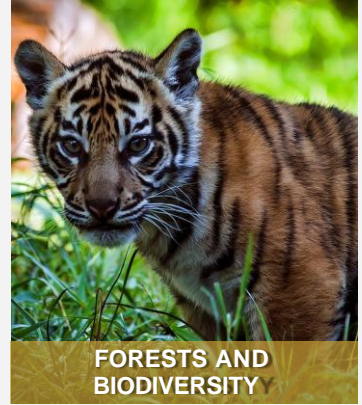
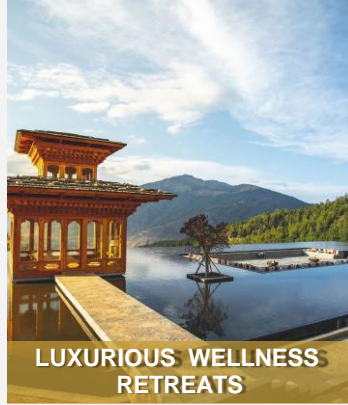
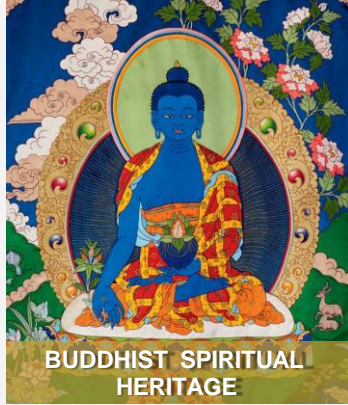


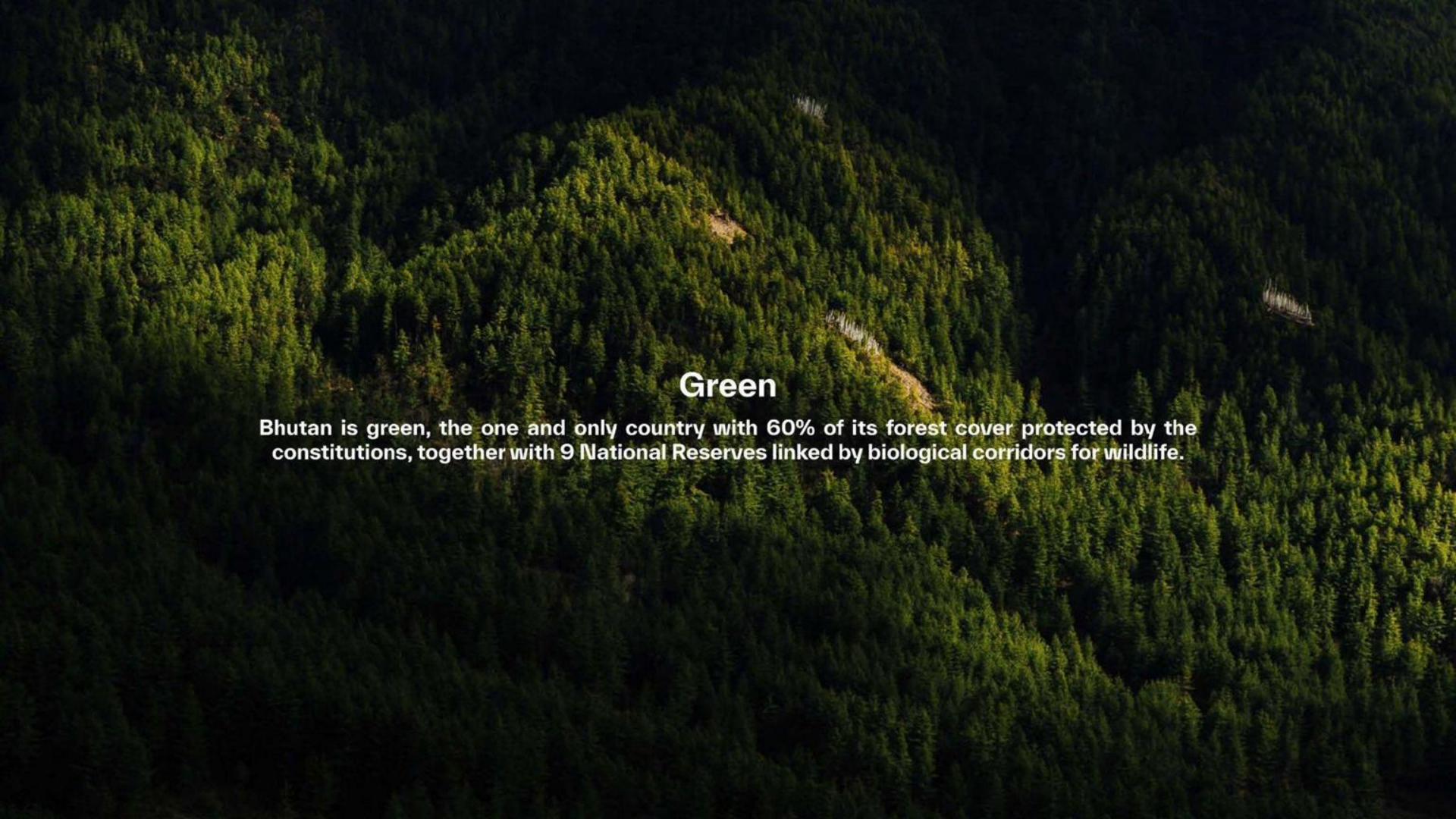
Bhutan lies in the emerging economic corridor between South Asia and Southeast Asia, close to half of the world's population.



2. Bhutan and the impetus for this project

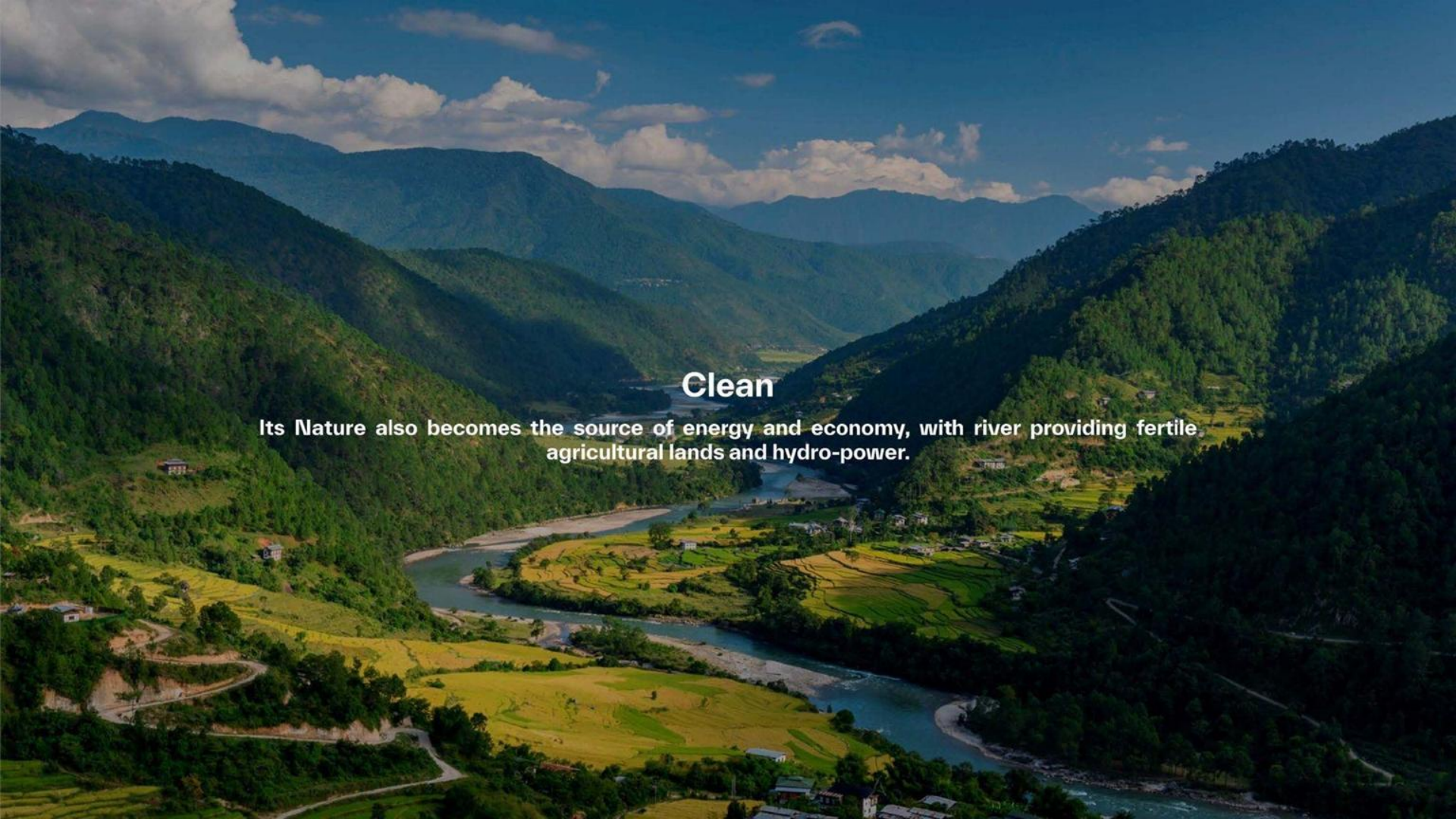
Bhutan: The Land of the Thunder Dragon



An aerial photograph of a vast, dense forest covering a mountainous landscape. The forest is a deep, vibrant green, with sunlight filtering through the canopy in some areas, creating a dappled light effect. The terrain appears rugged, with some lighter-colored patches visible, possibly due to erosion or different tree species. The overall impression is one of a pristine, untouched natural environment.

Green

Bhutan is green, the one and only country with 60% of its forest cover protected by the constitutions, together with 9 National Reserves linked by biological corridors for wildlife.

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a river valley. In the foreground, a river flows through a valley with terraced agricultural fields on the slopes. The fields are green and yellow, indicating different crops or stages of growth. The river is a light blue color. In the background, there are several layers of mountains, with the closest ones being dark green and forested, and the distant ones appearing in shades of blue under a sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is a depiction of a clean, natural environment.

Clean

Its Nature also becomes the source of energy and economy, with river providing fertile agricultural lands and hydro-power.



Safe

Thanks to a stable political system and a respected monarchy, Bhutan provides a transparent and safe environment, with neutral foreign policies and peaceful geopolitical relationship with its neighboring countries.

A large group of young Buddhist monks, likely from Bhutan, are shown in a dense crowd. They are all wearing traditional saffron-colored robes. Many of the monks have their hands raised in the air, palms facing forward, in a gesture of joy, prayer, or participation. Their expressions are varied, with some smiling broadly and others looking more contemplative. The background is filled with more monks, creating a sense of a large community gathering.

Happy

Bhutanese thrive of collective well-being, forming a society that value Gross National Happiness as much as Gross Domestic Products.

3. Gelephu Mindfulness City

Location and Physical Infrastructure



Located in southern Bhutan, GMC's new airport and direct railway to India will ensure the new city is accessible to international visitors.

GMC will invest in seven core industries.



Spiritual

Buddhism-Inspired
Spiritual Centre



Health and Wellness

Integrative medicine, life
sciences and wellness
destination



Education and Knowledge

Specialized educational &
knowledge hub



Agri-Tech And Forestry

Innovative, carbon neutral
and socially responsible
agri-hub



Green Energy and Tech Industries

Green energy and
technology center
including AI



Finance and Digital Assets

Financial and wealth
management hub

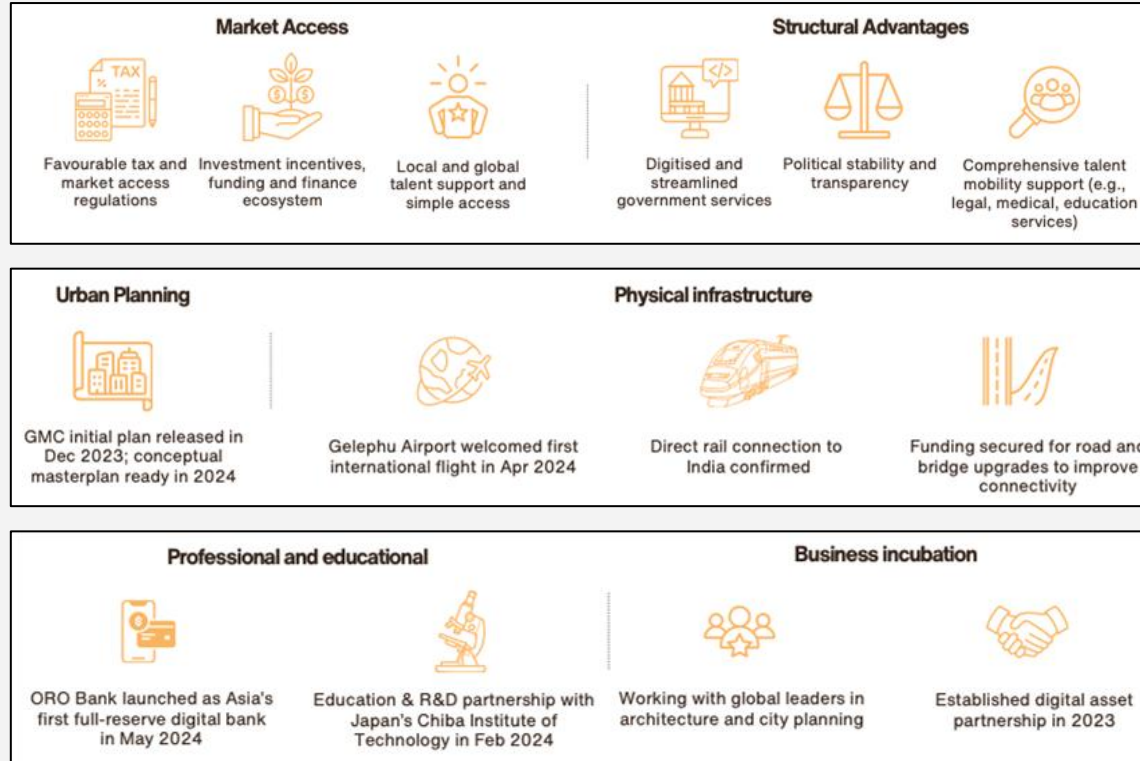


Aviation and Logistics

Integrated aviation hub
with MRO and logistic
functions

Tourism

GMC's favorable regulatory environment, advancements in technology, robust infrastructure, and access to natural resources will accelerate innovation across these core industries.



The city's architecture, designed by the Bjarke Ingels Group, will cultivate a sense of community via neighborhoods and bridges that incorporate community spaces as well as protect nature and wildlife.





Viewpoint &
Traditional Dzong

New Airport
Terminal

Airport
Neighborhood

Mindfulness Trail

Manufacturing Neighborhood

Traditional Stupa

Traditional Stupa &
Park Upgrade

New Iconic Bridge

River Flood
Protection Park

Town Renovation

Prototype Block

Royal Boulevard

Wetlands

Permanent
Stream

Passenger Rail

Freight Rail



Vajrayana Museum

Founders Lots

Mindfulness Trail

Golf Course

5-Star Resort

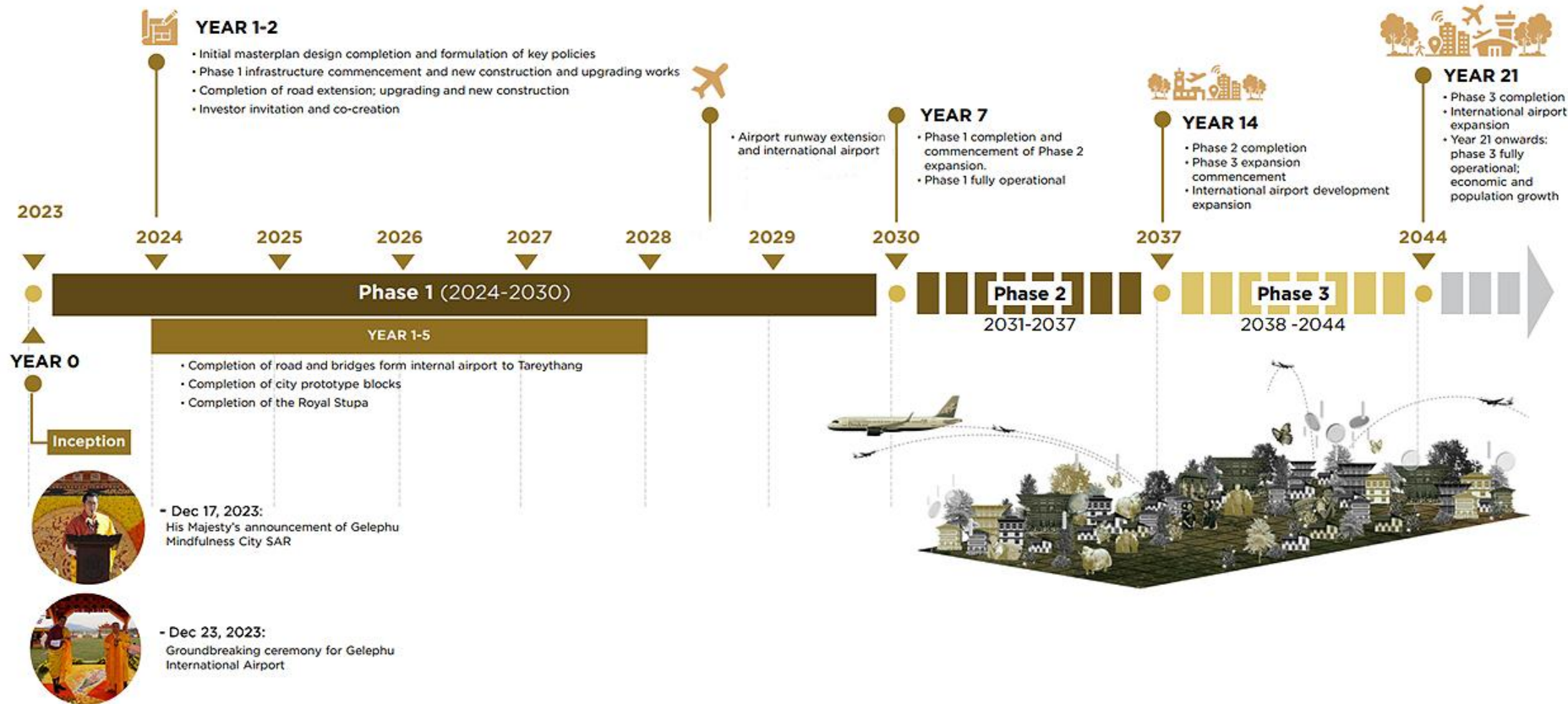
International
Hospital

Mixed-Use Neighborhood

Mau River Bridge

Taklai River Bridge

Development Milestones



5. Partners





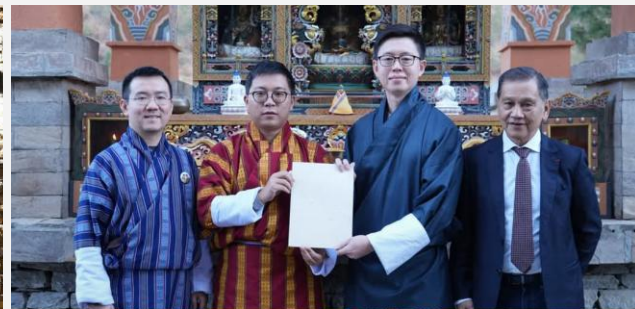
BHUTAN INNOVATION FORUM

The Bhutan Innovation Forum, held from October 1-3, brought together Nobel Prize laureates and global leaders to support His Majesty's vision of creating the world's first Mindfulness City in Bhutan.



LEADERSHIP

His Majesty The King appointed the Board of Directors for Gelephu Mindfulness City, naming Mun Leong Liew as CEO and DASHO Dr. Lotay Tshering, the former Prime Minister of Bhutan, as Governor. Additionally, Ming Z. Mei, CEO of GLP, was appointed as the first Founding Member of GMC.



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG) registered as the first international company in Gelephu Mindfulness City, establishing a South Asia office, while Matrixport signed to apply for a Financial Services Permission Licence.

Partners: International City Development Expertise



MQDC
Magnolia Quality Development
Corporation Limited

Project Management
21 Core Team Members
30 Supporting Team Members



BIG
Bjarke Ingels Group

Urban Design, Landscape,
Architecture and Structure
25 Team Members



ARUP (UK, US)
Infrastructure Engineering
Road & Bridges Consultant

Mobility, Water, Energy and
Digital Infrastructure,
12 Team Members



CISTRI
Strategic Economics

Economics and Land-use
Planning
5 Team Members



CHANGI
Airport Consultant

Airport Consultant
And Panal Decision Make
4 Core Team Members
with Supporting Team Members



NACO
Airspace Specialist

Airport Feasibility Study and
Planning
4 Team Members



ERM
Ecology Consultant

Wildlife and Ecological
Preservation
6 Team Members



CDR
Hydrology Consultant

River System, Flood Management,
and Ecological Impact
7 Team Members



TENEO
Strategy and Communications

Public Relations, Strategy, and
Communication Advisory
4 Team Members



WT PARTNERSHIP
Project Cost Development

Soft Cost and Had Cost of the
Project Development
11 Team Members

Our greatest strength lies in the loyalty and unity of our people, which gives me the confidence to pursue ambitious endeavors like the GMC.

His Majesty King Jigme Khesar

Tashi Delek la!