

Bhutan received the 8th consignment of medical supplies from India

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The Officiating Director-General of Department of Medical Service, Tandi Dorji, received a consignment of COVID-19 RT-PCR test kits from the

Government of India through First Secretary (political) of Indian Embassy in Thimphu, Ann Haokip, on November 3, 2020.

The consignment was handed over at the Ministry of Health in a ceremony attended by health officials and officials from the Indian Embassy.

"With the outbreak of COVID-19, India acted quick-

ly in responding to and addressing the challenges in the region. As a close friend and neighbor, India has accorded utmost priority to the requirements of Bhutan," read a press release from the Indian Embassy.

Since March 2020, from the time of the first detection of COVID-19 in Bhutan, India has delivered 7 consignments of essential medical sup-

plies and medical equipment which includes paracetamol, cetirizine, hydroxychloroquine, PPE kits, N95 masks and an x-ray machine. The consignment of COVID-19 RT-PCR test kits which includes 417 RT-PCR test kits and 417 RNA extraction kits is the 8th medical consignment received from India.

The press release from Indian Embassy also states

"India's gesture to continue delivery of essential medical supplies is a reflection of the special bonds of trust and understanding between India and Bhutan that have existed over decades. Going forward, India will continue to extend all possible support to Bhutan to minimize the health and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic."