

**OPENING ADDRESS BY THE HON. SPEAKER DURING THE 7TH SESSION  
OF THE FIRST PARLIAMENT**

*Even as we inaugurate the historic 7th Session of the First Parliament of Bhutan on this auspicious day, I on behalf of the Parliament would like to welcome and thank His Majesty the embodiment of our collective merit for gracing the inaugural ceremony as per the provision of the Constitution.*

*I would also like to welcome and thank all the distinguished guests, students and all those who are witnessing and listening to the session through television and radio to this inaugural ceremony.*

*I am confident that the present historic 7th session would also conclude fruitfully and successfully like the past sessions.*

*Lastly, I would like to beseech His Majesty to kindly address the Parliament and the people. (18th Day of 3rd Month of the Iron Female Rabbit Year 20th May, 2011)*