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Press Release

The Ministry of Finance, with the approval of the Royal Civil Service Commission, has launched the **pilot Ministerial Procurement Cluster Services Office** in Thimphu. The initiative will initially serve three Ministries: the Ministry of Finance (MoF), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade (MoFEAT), and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA).

The launch event, held on 7th October 2025 in Thimphu, was graced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Lyonpo Lekey Dorji.

This initiative forms part of the broader Public Financial Management (PFM) reforms aimed at strengthening procurement capacity and delivering more efficient services to budgetary bodies. The model is designed on the concept of **shared services**, with centralized oversight and a decentralized presence modality to ensure continuity of services with minimal disruption to agencies.

Under this arrangement, responsibilities for procurement activities previously managed by individual ministries will now be consolidated under the Cluster Office. The administration and performance management of these functions will be overseen by the Department of Procurement and Properties. All procurement services will henceforth be delivered through the Cluster Procurement Services Office, regardless of the location of the agencies.

The initiative is expected to enhance procurement performance and service delivery by:

- Improving efficiency of procurement personnel,
- Standardizing service delivery across agencies, and
- Promoting the strategic role of procurement in government operations.

In the long term, this approach will enable specialization in sector-specific procurement, thereby laying the foundation for a professional and competent procurement workforce in the country. It will also optimize and rationalize the deployment of procurement personnel, eliminating the current practice of placing them individually within agencies.

The Procurement Cluster Services Office will be implemented on a **pilot basis** for ministerial and autonomous agencies during the FY 2025–26. The model will subsequently be scaled up and rolled out in a phased manner to other agencies and sectors in the years ahead.