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Royal Government of Bhutan and ADB Sign USD 17.419 Million Financing Package to Enhance Economic Resilience

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The Royal Government of Bhutan and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) officially signed financing agreements for the Enhancing Resilience with Countercyclical Expenditures (ERCE) Program in Thimphu today. The comprehensive financing package totals USD 17.419 million, comprising a concessional ordinary capital resources loan of USD 3.967 million and an Asian Development Fund grant of USD 13.452 million.

Structured under ADB's Countercyclical Support Facility (CSF), the programme provides timely financial support to help Bhutan manage external economic uncertainties while sustaining its development priorities under the 13th Five-Year Plan. The financing supports the Government's broader efforts to maintain macroeconomic stability and sustain public expenditure in line with national development objectives.

The Ministry of Finance recognizes that this financing will help sustain planned development expenditure and mitigate, to a certain extent, disruptions to the implementation of Bhutan's development priorities arising from external economic shocks. It further reinforces the importance of strong partnerships with development partners in maintaining economic stability and sustaining Bhutan's development momentum amid external uncertainties.

The signing of the ERCE Program agreements marks another significant milestone in the enduring partnership between the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Asian Development Bank, reflecting a shared commitment to fostering sustainable, inclusive growth and long-term economic resilience across the country.

