



Kingdom of BHUTAN



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General Information*

Capital	: Thimphu
Cities	: Paro, Punaka
Area	: 47,000 sq.m ²
Population	: 682,321 (2008 est.)
Life expectancy	: 65.53 years (2008 est.)
Literacy	: 47% (2003 est.)
Official language	: Dzongkha
Currency	: Ngultrum (Nu)
FDI**	: 0.1% of GDP (2005)
National Airline	: Drukair

Chief of State:	King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
Head of Government	Prime Minister HE Lyonchen Jigmi Y Thinley
National Day	: 17 December
Independence Day	: 8 August
Government Type	: Constitutional Monarchy
Exchange rate	: 1 USD = 45.75 Nu
HDI Rank**	: 133
Internet Domain	: .bt

Recent Economic Indicators***

	Units	2004(a)	2005(a)	2006(a)	2007(a)	2008(a)
GPD, current prices	U.S.\$ (bn.)	0.72	0.82	0.93	1.20	1.37
GDP, deflator	Index	118.45	125.28	130.37	135.05	142.08
GDP per capita, current prices	U.S.\$	1,165.63	1,286.21	1,447.81	1,840.95	2,081.98
GDP (PPP) valuation of country GDP	Current international dollar (bn.)	2.15	2.32	2.61	3.16	3.44
GDP (PPP) per capita GDP	Current international dollar	3,485.50	3,650.83	4,056.98	4,862.42	5,239.83
GDP (PPP) share of world total	Percent	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.005	0.005
Current account balance	U.S.\$ (bn.)	15.05	15.74	15.87	16.00	16.48

* (a) IMF Estimate Data

Bhutan's Global Merchandise Trade Relationships***

Bhutan's Principal Export Destinations, 2005:		Bhutan's Principal Import Sources, 2005:	
1 India	87.6%	1 India	83.2%
2 Hong Kong	6.0%	2 Japan	4.2%
3 Bangladesh	4.9%	3 Singapore	2.9%

Source: *CIA World Fact Book

** Human Development Report 2007-2008 - UNPD

*** International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, October 2008