Report on the Dzongkha Linux Training conducted at the Department of Information Technology

Introduction

A training on installation and operation of Dzongkha Linux was conducted by the Department of Information Technology (DIT), Ministry of Information and Communications (MoIC) from the 19th to 27th November, 2007 at the DIT training room. This initial training was conducted as a "Training of Trainers", whereby at the end of the training, the participants are expected to work as trainers of Dzongkha Linux in there respective organizations.

Target User Group

The Department of Information Technology has identified the following as the main target user group of Dzongkha Linux:

1. Monks – Shedras and Dratshangs (Monk Body)
2. Schools
   - Regular Schools
   - Non-Formal Education
3. Civil Servants
   - General Civil Servants
   - Civil servants with only Dzongkha education
4. Organizations
   - National Assembly
   - Judiciary
   - Dzongkha Development Commission
   - Royal University of Bhutan
   - Office of Attorney General
5. Community Leaders
6. Media Sector

Since the target user group is huge, DIT alone will not be able to train all of them. Hence the training of trainers was conducted so that the task of taking Dzongkha Linux to the user groups will be distributed among the private IT training institutes and the concerned organizations.

Participants in the Training of Trainers

Because of the space constraint at the DIT training room, sixteen people from various private IT training institutes and other government organizations attended the Training of Trainers (TOT). The participants are composed of:

Sector	No. of participants
Private IT Institutes	6
Education Sector	3

Monk Body (Dratshang Lhentshog)	2
Judiciary	1
Other Government Organizations	4

Training Course

The participants were given hands on practice on Dzongkha Linux Installation and operation. A day-wise schedule of the training in given below:

1. **Day 1**
   - Introduction of Free and Opensource software, GNU/Linux and Dzongkha Linux
   - Sensetization on Dzonkha Computer Terms
   - Dzongkha Linux Installation
2. **Day 2**
   - Dzongkha Linux Installation continued. (Installation of Dzongkha Linux as a single OS and also as dual boot with Windows)
3. **Day 3**
   - Word Processing on Dzongkha Linux with OpenOffice.Org Writer
4. **Day 4**
   - Preparing presentations with OpenOffice.Org Impress
5. **Day 5**
   - Spreadsheet with OpenOffice.Org Calc
6. **Day 6**
   - Internet and Graphics applications
7. **Day 7**
   - Other Applications like CD burner, movie player etc.
   - Closing of Training

Conclusion

After the seven days training, the participants were clearly made known of their new role as Dzongkha Linux trainers in their respective organizations. It was also agreed that the trainers (and their organizations) and DIT will be working together in conducting Dzongkha Linux training. DIT will also be supporting the trainers with training manuals, Dzongkha Linux CDs and guidance while preparing Dzongkha Linux training programmes.