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TOURISM COUNCIL OF BHUTAN



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Notification on the operation of unauthorised Drones in the country

This is to inform all tourism services providers that there has been a recent issue of tourist operating a drone in Bhutan. Upon investigation, we came to know that tourist was not informed on the prohibition of unauthorised use of drones within the Bhutanese Airspace.

Therefore, we request all tourism service provider to kindly inform tourist before their visit to Bhutan on the prohibition of unauthorised use of drones in the Country and also request all to report to the Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) or Tourism Council of Bhutan in case of tourist possessing Unmanned Aircraft.

Further, we would like to inform that as per UAS Regulations 2017, any person operating Unmanned Aircraft without the prior approval of BCAA shall be liable for a fine of Nu. 20,000 to Nu. 50,000 as determined by BCAA and seizure of UAS. In addition, the Local Tour operator shall be liable for a fine of Nu 20,000 to Nu. 50,000 for failure to inform the Tourist of restrictions.

The notice is issued for strict compliance by all tourism services providers. Please visit [www.bcaa.gov.bt](http://www.bcaa.gov.bt) for further information

Sincerely

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