15th February 2018

**Notification on the waiver of Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) in the Eastern circuit**

The Tourism Council of Bhutan would like to inform all tour operators that the waiver of Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) for tourists visiting the six eastern districts (Mongar, Samdrup Jongkhar, Lhuntse, Tashi Yangtse, Tashigang and Pemagatshel) has been endorsed. The waiver will come into effect from 16th November 2017.

Henceforth, no SDF will be applicable for the tourists visiting the above six Dzongkhangs. Please note that strict verification will be carried out as per the approved guideline attached here.

The tour operators who have already operated groups in the above six districts from 16th November 2017 may contact TCB to process for refund of SDF.