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## DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & DZONGKHA DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

#### **Criteria for Submission of Entries to the**

### **Zorig Innovation Award 2025–2026**

#### 1. Originality

- The artwork must be the artisan's own creation.
- It must not have been previously exhibited, published, sold, or submitted for any other competition.

#### 2. Handcrafted Requirement

- o All entries must be entirely handcrafted by the artisan(s).
- The use of mass-production methods, machine fabrication, laser cutting, CNC routing, or 3D printing is strictly prohibited.

#### 3. Material Use

- o Materials must be authentic, sustainable, and safe, preferably locally sourced.
- Hazardous or non-traditional synthetic materials should be avoided unless essential for innovation.

#### 4. Cultural Integrity & Innovation

- The work must be rooted in Zorig Chusum (13 traditional arts and crafts).
- Innovation is encouraged, but the final product should maintain the spirit and authenticity of Bhutanese craftsmanship.

#### 5. Theme Compliance

- o The entry must interpret the given theme: "A Vision of the Future"
- o Artisans should express pride, unity, heritage, and hope for the future.

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#### 6. Size & Practicality

- The product should be of a manageable size and weight for exhibition and auction purposes.
- o Fragile or oversized works that cannot be safely transported may be disqualified.

#### 7. Documentation

- Each entry must be accompanied by:
  - A 120-word write-up explaining the concept, inspiration, and techniques used.
  - Clear photographs of the product from different angles.

#### 8. Ownership & Rights

- o The submitted product remains the intellectual property of the artisan.
- The product winning the First Prize will be purchased by the Department of Culture and Dzongkha Development. Please note that once submitted, entries cannot be withdrawn.
   The winning object must be sold to the Department at the price quoted at the time of submission.
- However, the organizer retains the right to exhibit, promote, and auction the product as part of the initiative.

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