



The film Gyalsey legacy of a prince being rescreened



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To continue the celebrations for the 60th birth Anniversary of the Fourth Druk Gyalpo and demonstrate Bhutanese achievement for 108th National Day, one hour and 41 minutes long film Gyalsey legacy of a prince which was shot for seven years in Tibet was screened at City Mall cinema for an audience of invited guests yesterday.

Simultaneously it was also aired on Bhutan Broad Casting Service channel 2, (BBS-2) for the entire nation so that a shared cultural experience and positive intention will manifest.

Ms. Aine Carey, from the Bhutan Culture Company said that the film has been re-edited and had professional postproduction; this took a long time because Hollywood professionals donated their time to this film to support a young filmmaker, and they had to work around their projects. We timed

the re-release for the 60th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo.

This gala event celebrates Gyalsey legacy of a prince, as well as the achievements of the athletes, artists and innovators who are taking risks and following their passion.

The film director, Jamyang distinguished himself in the Hollywood feature film, Seven Years in Tibet starring opposite Hollywood legend Brad Pitt in 1997.

Jamyangs' portrayal of the Young Dalai Lama earned him a nomination for the coveted Hollywood reporter "Young Star Award", which acknowledges the best performance by a young actor in a Drama film.

According to the press release, the main objective of the film was that publicly celebrate a Bhutanese feature film that demonstrates innovation and a successful collaboration between the government, film industry, national and inter-

national partners that is fulfilling the purpose and vision of the national film policy of Bhutan and generate support at a local and international level so Gyalsey legacy of a prince can achieve international distribution, represent Bhutan on a global level and fulfill the purpose and vision set forth in the National Film Policy of Bhutan.

It also states that to acknowledge and affirm the Government's efforts to nurture the film industry and to inspire local filmmakers, artists and entrepreneurs to strive for innovation and excellence by celebrating their achievements and fostering hope that their efforts will produce honorable results.

Educate and encourage the local community to support the film industry, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs and everyone who is striving to fulfill their fullest potential, states the press release.

Meanwhile, Jamyang is the first and only Bhutanese citizen to star in a

"Hollywood" film.

His directorial debut film, Gyalsey legacy of a prince released in 2012, received impressive reviews as an innovation in Bhutanese filmmaking.

Jamyang wrote, directed and produced the film, marking his first acting role since Seven Years in Tibet.

During the "Art and Craft of Hollywood Filmmaking" workshop, Jamyang approached Ms. Aine Carey and asked if she would watch his film and mentor him. After viewing Gyalsey legacy of a prince, Aine was impressed and believed that the film, with some refining, could reach and impress an international audience.

In 2013 Ms. Aine created the Bhutan Culture Company, a Los Angeles based nonprofit established "to nurture the growth of Bhutanese film into a vibrant industry of international repute that affirms and promotes Bhutan's cultural and artistic expression for the overall social and

economic development of the country through the creation of commercially successful content that has a positive social impact".

In the same year, Ms. Aine received the gracious support of His Majesty the King, which enabled her to continue her collaboration with Jamyang, the government and other artists in Bhutan.

Aine and Jamyang then partnered with Hollywood postproduction professionals who donated their services to support an aspiring filmmaker and to help Gyalsey legacy of a prince achieve its fullest potential. This process resulted in the successful completion of a re-edited version of Gyalsey Legacy of A Prince, which they hope can achieve international exposure and distribution and represent Bhutan on a global level.

Meanwhile, it was hosted in collaboration with Department of Information and Media, Gumar Films and Bhutan Culture Company.