

## DRAKTSHO EAST:



Draktsho's aim, to expand its services to other parts of Bhutan, has been one of its long-term goals. Accordingly, a branch was established in Kanglung to cater to the needs of the Eastern part of the country. This expansion is being supported by the Omega Foundation of Finland.

## CHALLENGES:

Draktsho continues to face problems due to lack of its own infrastructure and inadequate financial resources.

**SHOW ROOM:** The show room displays items and goods made by trainees. They are for sale too. You may place orders for any items available. You can support Draktsho by buying these items.

## TRUST FUND:

Draktsho has evolved into a CSO. While doing so, the achievement of financial self-reliance is a key pre-requisite. As such, we are planning to create a Trust Fund to ensure sustainable funding. Draktsho would like to invite individuals, groups, and organizations both from within and abroad to be founding members of the Trust fund. You may donate in cash, kind or any other material of value. We would appreciate your kind and generous support.

## SUPPORT DRAKTSHO



### Donations:

To transfer money to Bhutan National Bank in Thimphu from any place outside Bhutan and India, please request your bank to remit money as follows:

#### Beneficiary Bank:

Bhutan National Bank, P.O. Box 439,  
Thimphu, Bhutan SWIFT:  
BNBTBTBT

#### Bank Address:

CITI Bank N.A, Wall Street, 19th floor  
New York, NY 10046

Swift Code: CITIUS 33

ABA No. 0210-0008-9

Chips Routing No. 008

#### Ultimate Beneficiary:

Account No. 0000042340012( BNB), of Drak-Tsho  
maintained with BNB, Thimphu, Bhutan.

You can support Draktsho in many ways.  
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# DRAKTSHO VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN & YOUTH

## I INTRODUCTION :

Drak-Tsho Vocational Training Centre for Special Children and Youth, commonly known as Draktsho, is a registered Civil Society Organization (CSO). Draktsho is a combination of two Bhutanese words “Drak” meaning “cliff or high mountain” and “Tsho” meaning “sea or ocean.” When these are put together—Draktsho—it describes the height and the depth of the organization’s goals and aspirations.

In other words, Draktsho’s aspirations are as high as the mountains and its commitment is as deep as the ocean, to serve the needs of special children and youth. Draktsho strongly believes that everybody has the right to be independent and equal, has the power to choose, and to live their lives to the fullest potential. Having a disability, a reality that affects all age groups, should not get in the way of these aspirations.

Although attitudes towards the disabled and other minority groups within society are changing and becoming more positive, there still seems to be an immense lack of understanding about disability as “disadvantaged individuals” whose disabilities cause “suffering.” It is the environment that imposes constraints preventing people with disabilities from living their lives in a way equal to non-disabled people.

Draktsho was established on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2001, with the blessings of Her Majesty the Queen Mother, Ashi Tshering Pem Wangchuck, the President of the Youth Development Fund (YDF) and the Royal Patron of Draktsho

## VISION:

“Persons with Disabilities in Bhutan will actively and equitably participate in socio-economic development of the country and live a fulfilling life.”

## MISSION :

“To ensure young Persons with Disabilities in Bhutan are provided with quality opportunities for developing skills for life and vocation, and for becoming self-reliant, making a living and leading a contented life by overcoming barriers created by gender or other differences.”

## OBJECTIVES :

The centre’s main focus is to impart training in various vocational skills and academic education.

It provides special children and youth with opportunities, which allow them to grow in their aptitudes and determination and to realize their goals and dreams. Ultimately, the hope is to help them become happy, independent, and confident members of society.

## ACTIVITIES

The core programme is geared towards equipping the students with vocational skills to enable them to get gainful employment, including self-employment. The following are the vocational skills that are currently offered in the training program.

Other appropriate trainings may be incorporated at a later stage as the need arises. Side by side, the students are also given the opportunities to develop on a personal level through basic academic sessions, life skills, games & sports and cultural activities. These are also aimed to enhance their physical and mental capacities.

- 1 Tailoring
- 2 Embroidery
- 3 Wood carving
- 4 Traditional Art & Painting
- 5 Weaving
- 6 Souvenir making
7. Pre- Vocational Training

The centre is open 5 days a week, from 9am in the morning to 5pm in the evening.

