



## **Development of the national language in Bhutan and other activities of the Dzongkha Development Commission**

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The Dzongkha Development Commission is a semi-autonomous organ of the Royal Government of Bhutan dedicated to the advancement of the national language and the study and documentation of the kingdom's diverse linguistic heritage. Major activities of the Commission include the description on the Dzongkha language, the codification of a Bhutanese orthographic standard in dBu-can script, the graded promulgation of a phonological system of romanisation known as Roman Dzongkha, the integration and release of Dzongkha in the Microsoft Windows program, the compilation of English-Dzongkha dictionaries, the documentation of the three most endangered languages of Bhutan, the publication of an ethnolinguistic history of Bhutan. An overview of past and ongoing activities will be presented as well as some future plans and aspirations of the Commission.