

## Bhutan, Thailand Health ministries sign MoU

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Bhutan Health Minister Tandin Wangchuk has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on health cooperation with Thailand's Minister of Public Health, Dr Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn, Bangkok.

The signing represents an unprecedented renewal of the agreement that was signed in Bangkok on October 16, 1987, to continue the existing cooperation and to promote new areas of collaboration between the two countries.

With the signing of the agreement, both parties agreed to enhance cooperation on disease control, food safety, drug quality testing, traditional medicine, medical and cosmetic products, laboratory quality assurance, human resource for health, health impact assessment, drug treatment and rehabilitation services, medical education and research, and national regulatory system.

According to Wangchuk, the collaboration in health development between the two kingdoms has immensely benefitted Bhutan's health system, especially in areas of medical education and the development of health professionals.