

## Celebration of “Blessed Rainy Day” by Bhutanese Students

Blessed Rainy Day is the holiday marking the end of the monsoon season in Bhutan. Every year on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, all natural water resources in the country are considered to be sanctifying and citizens are encouraged to take an outdoor bath to be cleansed of "bad deeds, obstructions and defilements" and accumulated bad karma. Families traditionally gather for a meal of thup (porridge) at breakfast time. The holiday also marks the end of the farming season and the beginning of the harvest season. Prof. Sudhir participated in this occasion and congratulated them.



