

# **Harald N. Nestroy, German Ambassador (rtd.)**

Executive Chairman of

## ***“Pro Bhutan, Germany”***

### **Curriculum vitae and relations with Bhutan**

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#### **1) CV**

Born : 1. February, 1938 in Breslau, Germany

Married to Angelika J. Nestroy in Bhutan 14<sup>th</sup> November 1999

1957- 1963: Studies of Law at University of Mainz, Germany, and Barcelona, Spain.

1963 : First state diploma in Law

1964-1967 : School of Diplomacy, German Foreign Ministry, Bonn

1967-1968 : Member of the cabinet of Foreign Minister Willy Brandt

1968-1971 : German Embassy New Delhi, India : political officer

1971-1974: German Embassy Bogota, Colombia: cultural attaché

1974-1977 : Foreign Ministry Bonn : Latin America desk

1977-1979 : Foreign Ministry Bonn : head of office “Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief” of the German Government

1979-1982 : German Ambassador in Congo

1982-1985 : German Consul General at Atlanta, Georgia for the South East of the USA.

1985-1989 : German Ambassador to Costa Rica, Central America

1989-1994 : Foreign Ministry Bonn : Political Dpt., head of desk for  
Western Neighbors of Germany

1994-1998 : German Ambassador to Malaysia

1998-2003 : German Ambassador to Namibia.

2009: The Cross 1. Class of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany was bestowed on Ambassador Nestroy by H.E. the President of the Federal Republic of Germany

**2) Relations of Ambassador Harald N. Nestroy with Bhutan:**

- 1987 1<sup>st</sup> visit to Bhutan.
- 1992 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to Bhutan :  
 \* Preparation of Punakha Hospital project.  
 \* Received in private **audience by H.M. the King of Bhutan.**
- 1993 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to Bhutan :  
 Signing of agreement with RGOB for construction of Punakha Hospital
- 1994 4<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan : laying of foundation stone for Punakha hospital.
- 1996 5<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan :  
 \* Formal inauguration of Punakha Hospital by **His Holiness the Je Kempo**;  
 \* Received in private **audience by H.M. the King of Bhutan.**
- 1997 6<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan (in May):  
 Signing of agreement with RGOB for construction of  
“Field Training Center for Medical-Technical Staff” at the site of Punakha Hospital.
- 1997 7<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan (in October):  
 \* Preparation of construction of Training Center.  
 \* Pilgrimage to Singye Dzong with special permit by order of  
**H.M. the King of Bhutan.**
- 1998 8<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan :  
 Inspection of ongoing projects, talks on new projects
- 1999 by exchange of mail : Signing of agreement for “Extension of Punkha Hospital by a Policlinic, an additional 20-beds ward, a storage and maintenance building, a morgue”.
- 1999 9<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan:  
 \* Inauguration of the “Field Training Center for Medical-Technical Staff “  
 at the site of Punakha Hospital, by **His Holiness the Je Kempo.**  
 \* 14th November: traditional Bhutanese marriage in Thimphu to Angelika Nestroy  
 \* Received in private **audience by H.M. the King of Bhutan.**
- 2002 in May, by mail exchange: Signing of Agreement with RGoB for the construction of a “Hostel for Blind Girls” in the NID, Khaling, and the elaboration of the “Master plan for the overall rehabilitation of NID”.
- 2002 10th visit to Bhutan:  
 \* Signing of the new agreement for the “Construction of the First School in Bhutan for Hearing-impaired Children with 2 Hostels” in Drukyel/Paro;  
 \* Received in private **audience by H.M. the King of Bhutan.**

- 2003 11<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan (in October):  
By order of **H.M. the King attending the cremation of H.M. the Grandmother of H.M. the King.**
- 2003 12<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan (in December):  
Inauguration of the “Policlinic, the additional 20-beds ward, a storage and maintenance building, a morgue” at the site of the Punakha hospital by H.E. the Minister of Health, Dr. Jigme Singye, and H.E. the Minister of Agriculture, Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup, former Minister of Health.
- 2004 13<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan:
- \* Inauguration of the new hostels for blind children at the National Institute for the Disabled in Khaling, graced by **H.M. Queen Tshering Pem Wangchuck** .
  - \* By special invitation attending, with Mrs. Angelika Nestroy, investiture of then **His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck** as Penlop of Chhoekhor Rabtense in 2004 both in Thimphu and in the Trongsa Dzong.
  - \* Signing of the Agreement for the reconstruction of the roofed cantilever bridge crossing the Mochhu (Mo-River) from Punakha village to the holy Punakha Dzong in traditional Bhutanese architecture, with Minister of Home Affairs and Culture, Lyonpo Jigmi Thinley.
  - \* Received in private **audience by H.M. the King of Bhutan.**
- 2007 14<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan
- \* 24.11.2007 Inauguration of the School for Hearing impaired Children, Drukgyel which was graced by the presence of **Her Majesty Ashi Tshering Pem Wangchuck**
  - \* 29.11.2007 received in private **audience by the King of Bhutan, H.M. Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck**
- 2008 15<sup>th</sup> visit to Bhutan
- \* 10.05.2008 : **inauguration, with H.E. Jigmi Y.Thinley, Prime Minister of Bhutan, of the PUNA MOCHU BAZAM, built and financed by Ambassador Nestroy’s “Pro Bhutan, Germany”**

2008 16th visit to Bhutan

- 01.-06.11.2008 : **coronation of the 5th King of Bhutan, H.M. Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck**, participation together with **Mrs. Angelika Nestroy**, at a number of the functions in Punakha and Thimphu.  
At this occasion, the **Coronation Medal in Gold** was bestowed on **Ambassador Nestroy**.

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**3) Projects carried out in Bhutan by Ambassador Nestroy as Chairman of “Pro Bhutan, Germany” or predecessor organizations:**

The construction and financing of

- 1) the Punakha Hospital (inaugurated 1996)
- 2) the Training Center for Medical Staff at Punakha (1999)
- 3) the Policlinic plus a second wing of the Hospital Punakha (2003)
- 4) the Hostels for Blind Children at Khaling in Eastern Bhutan (2004)
- 5) the School with Hostels for Hearing-impaired Children at Drukyl (2007)
- 6) the PUNA MOCHU BAZAM, the Wooden and Roofed Cantilever Bridge in traditional Bhutanese architecture, linking Punakha village to the sacred Punakha Dzong, technically the most ambitious and challenging project of Nestroy's “Pro Bhutan, Germany“ ( 10.May 2008)

The total funds mainly raised by **Ambassador Nestroy**, and spent for these 6 projects amount

**to 2,8 million Euro or about 200 million Ngultrum.**

**New projects** in the sectors of health, education of disabled children and culture are under preparation.

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