Gross National Happiness

The GNH concept has inspired a modern political happiness movement. Through the contribution of several western and eastern scholars, economists and politicians, the concept evolved into a socioeconomic development model. In July 2011, the United Nations passed Resolution 65/309, that was adopted unanimously by the General Assembly in July 2011, placing "happiness" on the global development agenda.

The four pillars of GNH philosophy are:

* Sustainable development
* Preservation and promotion of cultural values
* Conservation of the natural environment, and
* Establishment of good governance

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***Speaking task:***

1. What do you think about the effectiveness and feasibility of the GNH?
2. Do you believe it would be applicable outside of Bhutan? Why/why not?

***Listening task: you are going to watch a video about GNH. Answer the following questions:***

1. What does GNH remind the speaker?
2. What is extremely important for Bhutan? Why?
3. Why must the way to achieve GNH change?
4. What “bridge” does GNH represent?

*Youtube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mvzY5iF1Cs*