Press Release

The Rt. Hon'ble Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal, 'Prachanda' Prime Minister of Nepal had a meeting with H.E. Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing this afternoon.

The two leaders reviewed the overall state of bilateral relations and expressed happiness that the relations have developed further since their meeting in October last year in Goa.

The two leaders exchanged views on expanding cooperation in new areas and consolidating the existing ones on such areas as railways, transport transit, cross border economic zones, energy, industrial parks, tourism, trade, investment, cultural exchanges and people-to-people contacts.

The two sides discussed ways to promote Nepal's tourism in China through various programs and exchanged views on meaningful cooperation to promote Nepal's export trade.

The Prime Minister of Nepal conveyed Nepal's support to 'One Belt One Road Initiative' and expressed the hope that Nepal would benefit from it. The President of China mentioned that Nepal is an important partner in this initiative.

The Prime Minister appreciated China's continued assistance in Nepal's development efforts and the support received for the post-earthquake reconstruction.

Both the leaders reiterated their firm commitment to the five principles of peaceful co-existence and respect each other's concerns and sensitivities. They underlined the importance of high level exchanges on a regular basis between the two countries to maintain the momentum of bilateral relations.

The two leaders also exchanged views on upgrading Rasuwagadhi border point and on early orperationalization of Tatopani border, which is not in operation since the April 2015 earthquakes.

Both sides shared views on working closely on matters of mutual interest at regional and international forums.

They also agreed to implement the agreements and understandings reached in the past and activate all the established mechanisms for further enhancing bilateral cooperation.

The Prime Minister conveyed the greetings and best wishes from The Rt. Hon'ble Ms. Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal. On behalf of the President of Nepal, the Prime Minister renewed the invitation to H.E. Xi Jinping to pay a State visit to Nepal. The President of China conveyed that he would visit Nepal at a mutually convenient early date.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister was accompanied by the Foreign Minister, Ambassador of Nepal to the People's Republic of China, Foreign Secretary, Senior officials of Foreign Ministry, Officials of the Embassy of Nepal in Beijing, among others.



Earlier today, the Prime Minister delivered a keynote address at the Business Roundtable entitled 'Investment Opportunities in Nepal' jointly organized by the Embassy of Nepal in Beijing and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. The Prime Minister called for more investment from China and assured the investors of Government's commitment to protect and promote investment. Hon. Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat, Minister for Foreign Affairs also addressed business round table highlighting the various opportunities and incentives for investors in Nepal. Some 20 big companies both having operation in Nepal and the ones intending to invest in Nepal actively participated at the roundtable. The Embassy made a detailed presentation on the investment opportunities in Nepal.

The Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minster and his entourage departed for Chengdu on way to Lhasa this evening.

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