Press Release

The Right Hon'ble Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda", Prime Minister of Nepal, had a meeting with H.E. Zhang Gaoli, Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China in Boao today.

During the meeting, the entire gamut of bilateral relations was discussed. Both sides agreed to fully implement the agreements/MoUs reached in the past and finalize the ongoing agreements/MoUs including the Protocol to the Transit Transport Agreement, Belt and Road Initiative, draft of FTA report, Cross Border Economic Zones, Establishment of Dialogue Mechanism on Energy Cooperation at the earliest possible. In this context, The Right Hon'ble Prime Minister stressed the need for an early resumption of bilateral mechanisms including the diplomatic consultation and joint trade and economic committee.

While underling the importance of Kodari Highway as a historic symbol of friendship between the two countries, the Prime Minister emphasized the necessity for early opening up of the Tatopani border point by taking all appropriate necessary measures. He informed that Nepal has already done so. The Chinese side responded that it has seriously taken up this matter. The Chinese side also agreed to consider positively the gradual opening up of border points for the promotion of trade, tourism, investment and people-to-people movement.

The Prime Minister also stressed the importance of building cross border connectivity in all forms and sought the assistance from China for the preparation and construction of railways in Nepal connecting the two countries.

The Prime Minister appreciated China's support in Nepal's development efforts and particularly mentioned the support received for the post earthquake reconstructions. The Chinese side expressed its continued support for socio-economic development and assured that support for reconstruction would be executed as per the understanding reached between the two sides.

The two sides discussed ways and means to enhance political, economic, social and cultural ties in a spirit of friendship and good neighbourliness underpin by the Principles of Panchasheel.

The Chinese side expressed its happiness that Nepal's continuous participation in the Boao Forum for Asia since its inception at high level has also contributed to further strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries.

During the meeting, Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat, Ambassador of Nepal to China Mr. Leela Mani Poudyal, Foreign Secretary Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry were present.

Later in the evening, The Right Hon'ble Prime Minister and Nepali delegation attended the dinner hosted by Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli.

Earlier this morning, The Right Hon'ble Prime Minister and his accompanying delegation were accorded warm welcome upon their arrival at Guangzhou by Ambassador of Nepal to China H.E. Leela Mani Poudyal and at Haiku International Airport by senior officials of the Government of China.

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