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## Press Release

Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia Senator the Hon. Marise Payne held telephone conversation today.

The Foreign Minister of Australia Hon. Payne expressed appreciation to the Government of Nepal for facilitating repatriation of Australian tourists stranded in Nepal.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon. Gyawali requested for the welfare and safety of Nepali nationals, in particular Nepali students in Australia in the context of the impact of COVID-19.

The two Foreign Ministers also discussed about potential direct flight of Nepal Airlines to Australia and noted that the recent chartered flight provided an opportunity to assess the technical feasibility for future commercial flights.

This year Nepal and Australia celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> year of establishment of diplomatic relations. In this context, the two Foreign Ministers talked about their proposed meeting some time in the near future and the ways to give further impetus to the excellent state of bilateral relations between the two countries.

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