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The Prime Minister

Message

I am pleased to learn that Ministry of Foreign Affairs has launched an annual lecture series named after Prof. Yadu Nath Khanal, a pioneer diplomat and eminent scholar.

This lecture series is a fitting tribute to Prof. Khanal's valuable contribution in shaping Nepal's foreign policy and in the conduct of diplomacy during critical times of history. His contributions do not just constitute a path left for us by the past, but also guide our present and influence our future, as rightly captured in the theme of today's event.

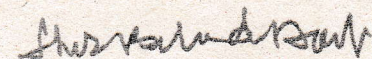
Throughout Nepal's history, safeguarding our sovereignty and territorial integrity, enhancing national dignity and promoting economic wellbeing and prosperity have remained at the core of our foreign policy objectives. Our diplomatic efforts have been directed towards maintaining a balanced and independent foreign policy, based on sovereign equality, mutual respect and benefit.

We advocate for a peaceful and just international order grounded in trust, friendship, and cooperation. We continue to work with our partners taking cognizance of our national aspirations and international commitments.

I thank the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for taking this initiative to institutionalize a platform to deliberate on foreign policy issues. The lecture series will encourage diverse perspectives from prominent intellectuals and practitioners and will inspire healthy and enriching discussions on issues of national, regional and global importance. I am confident that an informed foreign policy discourse will contribute to further identifying better pathways of foreign policy and diplomacy.

I wish this first edition of the lecture series all success!

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