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# A. BILATERAL ENGAGEMENTS

#### THE AMIR OF QATAR VISITS NEPAL

At the cordial invitation of the President Mr. Ramchandra Paudel, Amir of the State of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani arrived in Kathmandu on 23 April 2024 on a two-day State Visit to Nepal.

On the first day of the visit, President Mr. Ramchandra Paudel and Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani held bilateral meeting at the Office of the President, Shital Niwas. Various matters of Nepal-Qatar bilateral relations and cooperation were discussed in the meeting. The two leaders expressed happiness over the cordial relations between the two countries and agreed to further enhance existing relations and cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two countries and peoples.

President Mr. Paudel hosted a State Banquet in honour of the visiting Amir and his delegation.

On 24 April, Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'



President Paudel and the Amir Al Thani

held bilateral talks with the Qatari Amir. Taking stock of the existing relations between Nepal and Qatar, both leaders discussed on enhancing bilateral cooperation by furthering different avenues of partnerships. Following the talks, the Prime Minister and the Amir witnessed signing of bilateral Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs). The Agreements and MoUs included:

 MoU for Cooperation in the Fields of Culture and Arts between the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil

- Aviation of Nepal and the Ministry of Culture of the State of Qatar;
- Agreement on Cooperation and Exchange of News between National News Agency, Nepal (RSS) and Qatar News Agency (QNA);
- 3. MoU for Cooperation in the Field of Education, Higher Education and Scientific Research between the Government of Nepal and the Government of the State of Qatar;

- 4. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Youth and Sports between the Government of Nepal and the Government of the State of Qatar;
- MoU for Cooperation between the Office of the Attorney General of Nepal and the Public Prosecution of the State of Qatar;
- 6. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Diplomatic Training and Education between the Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA) of Nepal and the



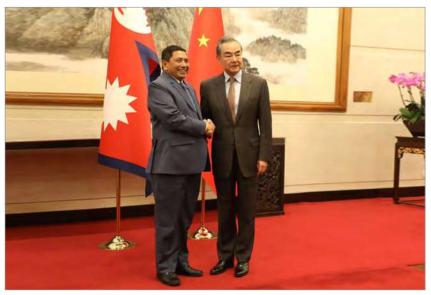
Delegations led by Nepali Prime Minister and the Qatari Amir during the talks

Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar.

#### DPMFM NARAYAN KAJI SHRESTHA VISITS CHINA

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha paid an official visit to the People's Republic of China from 24 March to 1 April 2024 at the invitation of Mr. Wang Yi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

DPMFM Shrestha held bilateral meeting with Mr. Wang during the visit. The two leaders assessed the state of bilateral relations and expressed commitments to work together to further elevate the friendly ties between Nepal and China. They also discussed matters relating to reopening of the border trade points, establishing a Joint Commission at the ministerial level, and providing free Chinese Visa to Nepali nationals, among others.



DPMFM Shrestha with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi

During his visit, DPMFM Shrestha also held meetings with Mr. Wang Huning, Member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of the CPC Central Committee and Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in Beijing; Ms. Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of the International

Department of Central Committee of CPC; Mr. Wang Junzheng, Secretary of the CPC Tibet Autonomous Regional Committee; Mr. Yuan Jiajun, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of the CPC Chongqing Municipal Committee; and Mr. Huang Qiang, Governor of the

People's Government of Sichuan Province. Matters on further enhancing the relationship and

cooperation between Nepal and China and promoting mutual interests were discussed during these meetings.

#### JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS NEPAL

Ms. Kamikawa Yoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, paid an official visit to Nepal on 5 May 2024. Ms. Kamikawa held bilateral talks with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha during the visit. The two leaders reviewed the progress made in bilateral relations and cooperation, and discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations focusing on enhancing economic and development cooperation as well as cultural and people-topeople relations in the days to come.

The two leaders underscored the need to commemorate the milestone of 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of



DPMFM Shreshtha and Minister Kamikawa

diplomatic relations between the two countries through high-level exchanges and various events. They also discussed matters regarding the inhancement of cooperation between two countries at bilateral, regional,

and multilateral levels in the areas of mutual interest.

During her visit, Ms. Kamikawa paid courtesy calls on President Mr. Ramchandra Paudel and Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'.

#### NEPAL-BANGLADESH FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATION HELD IN KATHMANDU

The Third Round of Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) between Nepal and Bangladesh was held in Kathmandu on 17 April 2024. Nepali delegation to the Consultations was led by Foreign Secretary Ms. Sewa Lamsal while Bangladesh delegation was led by Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh Mr. Masud Bin Momen.



Foreign Secretaries of Nepal and Bangladesh during the FOC

During the FOC, both the Foreign Secretaries discussed different issues of mutual interest and agreed to promote cooperation encompassing various sectors, especially trade and commerce, transit and connectivity, power and energy sector, tourism, culture and education. Both Foreign Secretaries emphasized on the operationalization of the BBIN MVA framework to contribute the individual country's economy by expanding trade and connectivity and creating more opportunity to promote peopleto-people contacts.

In order to import electricity from Nepal to Bangladesh, Foreign Secretary Mr. Masud emphasized for need expeditious conclusion of tripartite power agreement among Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Expressing his gratitude to the Government of Nepal for allocating land for the construction of a Monastery in Lumbini, he stated that it would be a milestone in bilateral relations and people-to-people interactions.

The two Foreign Secretaries also discussed regional issues of mutual interest including

revitalizing SAARC and strengthening BIMSTEC. They agreed to cooperate at various multilateral forums, especially at the UN to pursue common interests especially in the areas of LDC graduation, poverty alleviation, climate change, and safety and security of migrant workers.

On the occasion, an MoU between the Institute of Foreign Affairs of Nepal and the Foreign Service Academy of Bangladesh was signed by the two Foreign Secretaries.

# FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE NEPAL-EU JOINT COMMISSION

The fifteenth Meeting of the Joint Commission between Nepal and the European Union (EU) was held on 19 March 2024 in Kathmandu. Foreign Secretary Ms. Sewa Lamsal and Deputy Managing Director for Asia and the Pacific of the European External Affairs Service of the EU Ms. Paola Pampaloni led their respective delegations and cochaired the meeting.

During the Meeting, various aspects of bilateral relations

between Nepal and the EU, including the EU's support to Nepal, bilateral trade and investment, multilateralism, human rights, climate change, and people-to-people relations were discussed.



The Nepali and EU delegations during the joint commission

#### NEPAL-GERMANY BILATERAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM MEETING

The third Meeting of Nepal-Germany Bilateral Consultation Mechanism was held on 20 March 2024 in Kathmandu. The Nepali deleagtion was led by Mr. Ganesh Prasad Dhakal, Head of the Europe-America Division of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the German delegation by Mr. Erik Kurzweil, Director for Indo-Pacific Policy, South Asia and Afghanistan of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany.

Various aspects of Nepal-Germany relations were discussed in the meeting which included



Nepali and German delegations during the meeting

German cooperation to Nepal, exchange of high-level visits and

regional and multilateral affairs, among others.

#### NEPAL-FRANCE BILATERAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM MEETING

The fourth Meeting of Nepal-France Bilateral Consultation Mechanism was held on 29 March 2024 in Paris, France. Nepali delegation to the meeting was led by Mr. Ganesh Prasad Dhakal, Head of the Europe-America Division of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while the French delegation was led by Mr. Benoit Guidee, Director for Asia and Oceania of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. Important aspects of bilateral relations between Nepal and France including trade, tourism, investment were discussed during



Nepali and French delegations during the meeting

the meeting. Nepal and France are marking the 75th anniversary

of their diplomatic relations this year.

#### NEPAL-SWITZERLAND BILATERAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM MEETING

The fourth Meeting of Nepal-Switzerland Bilateral Consultations Mechanism was held at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Bern, Switzerland on 02 April 2024. In the meeting, the Nepali delegation was led by Mr. Ganesh Prasad Dhakal, Head of the Europe-America Division of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while the Swiss delegation was led by the Assistant

State Secretary for Asia and the Pacific in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Heinrich Schellenberg. The two sides reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations including economic ties, development partnerships, multilateral cooperation and contemporary global issues such as climate change, and human rights, among others during the Meeting.



Nepali and Swiss delegations during the meeting

#### NEPAL-UK COMMITTEE ON THE ISSUES OF BRITISH GURKHA VETERANS

Mr. Ganesh Prasad Dhakal, Head of the Europe America Division participated in the fourth meeting of the Nepal-UK bilateral committee on the issues of British Gurkha Veterans held at the Ministry of Defense of the United Kingdom in London on 27 March 2024.

Ambassador of Nepal to the United Kingdom Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya and Dr. Andrew Murrison MP, Deputy Minister for Defence, People and Veterans led their respective delegations to the meeting. Representatives of ex-British Gurkha organizations also participated in the meeting.

Discussions in the meeting were focused on the agenda of equal pensions for the Gurkha veterans. The bilateral committee was formed in 2022 between Nepal and the United Kingdom to address the issues related to British Gurkha veterans.

#### CHAIRPERSON OF KOREAN PARLIAMENT VISITS NEPAL

Mr. Sang-heon Lee, Chairperson of Culture, Sports and Tourism Committee of the National Assembly and President of Nepal-Korea Parliamentary Friendship Group along with his team visited Nepal on 16 April 2024. During his visit to Nepal, Mr. Lee paid courtesy calls on various high-level dignitaries of Nepal including Mr. Narayan Prasad Dahal, Chairperson of National

Assembly; Mr. Dol Prasad Aryal, Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security; and Mr. Biraj Bhakta Shrestha, Minister for Youth and Sports.

### VISITS OF SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS TO NEPAL

Chairman of China International
Development Cooperation
Agency (CIDCA) Mr. Luo
Zhaouhu and his delegation
visited Nepal on 25-28 April
2024, and attended the Nepal
Investment Summit 2024.
During his visit, Mr. Zhaouhu

paid courtesy calls on Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha, and Minister for Finance Mr. Barsha Man Pun. During the visit, the Chinese

side signed two agreements with Nepali agencies on human resources development cooperation and bone marrow transplant.

Similarly, the Vice Chairman of Tibet Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China Mr. Lang Fukuan and his delegation visited Nepal from 28 April to 2 May 2024 to participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> Nepal-China (Tibet)

Economic and Trade Fair.

During his visit, Mr. Fukuan

paid courtesy calls on Deputy

Prime Minister and Minister

for Foreign Affairs Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha, and Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies Mr. Damodar Bhandari.

# **B. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS**

# NEPAL PARTICIPATES IN THE 57<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE CPD

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health and Population Mr. Upendra Yadav led a Nepali delegation to the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development held in UN Headquarters in New York from 29 April to 3 May 2024.

Addressing the Session on 29 April, the Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Yadav said that full implementation of the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) is critical to attaining the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

He also highlighted the priority and importance given by Nepal on the implementation and attainment of the Program of Action since its adoption in 1994. He underscored various policies, plans and programs Nepal has



Deputy Prime Minister Yadav with the UN Secretary General

been implementing to increase the quality of life of every citizen in its efforts to create a just, inclusive, equitable, and egalitarian society.

The Deputy Prime Minister also addressed the informal plenary meeting organized by the President of the General Assembly to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and

Development. In his statement, Mr. Yadav highlighted the gaps and inequalities within and among the countries despite significant progress made in the areas of poverty reduction, improved health systems, reduced fertility and mortality, increase in life expectancy, access to primary education, promoting gender equality, and advancing health and reproductive rights.

#### UNDP ANNUAL REGIONAL MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD IN KATHMANDU

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha addressed the inaugural session of the UNDP Annual Regional Management Meeting of the Asia and the Pacific organized by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) from 30 April to 3 May 2024 in Kathmandu. UNDP Resident

Representatives from 35 countries of the Asia and the Pacific region including Assistant Secretary General (ASG) of the United Nations and UNDP Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia Ms. Kaniya Kumari Wignaraja attended the event.

During her stay in Nepal, the Assistant Secretary General paid courtesy meetings with the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Finance and the Foreign Secretary. Ms. Wignaraja also visited the Imja Glacial Lake in the Sagarmatha region to observe the direct impact of climate change.

#### NEPAL HOSTS BIMSTEC EXPERT GROUP MEETING

Nepal, the lead country for People-to-People Contact sector of BIMSTEC cooperation, hosted the second meeting of the BIMSTEC Expert Group on Cultural Cooperation on 31 March 2024.

Representatives and experts from the BIMSTEC Member States

participated in the meeting. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Suresh Suras Shrestha, Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation of Nepal.

The Meeting discussed and finalised the *Draft Plan of Action* on *Culture* which lays out specific action plans for promoting and

preserving both tangible and intangible cultural heritages of the Member States. The Meeting also finalised Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Expert Group for its submission to the upcoming BIMSTEC Senior Officials' Meeting.



Delegates from BIMSTEC Members participate in the Meeting

#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO THE PM ATTENDS BOAO FORUM FOR ASIA 2024

Dr. Rupak Sapkota, Foreign Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister, participated in the Boao Forum for Asia's Annual Conference 2024 held on 26-29 March 2024 in Hainan Province of China. Speaking at a discussion panel entitled 'Supporting High-Quality Belt and Road Cooperation', Dr. Sapkota stressed that each country's unique development strategy should be respected. Dr. Sapkota emphasized that the capacity

of the global south countries like Nepal should be enhanced gradually by implementing medium-sized projects first before undertaking large flagship projects under BRI.

#### BIMSTEC EPG DISCUSSES BIMSTEC FUTURE PATHWAYS

The Third Meeting of the Eminent Persons' Group (EPG) on Future Directions of BIMSTEC was held on 12-13 May 2024 at the BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Soonthorn Chaiyindeepum, an EPG member from Thailand, the current Chair of BIMSTEC. The EPG members representing all BIMSTEC countries participated

in the meeting and held enriching discussions on Bangkok Vision 2030; alignment of BIMSTEC's Agenda with SDGs 2030; and the progress made within BIMSTEC framework in sectors including



BIMSTEC EPG members during the meeting in Dhaka

agriculture and food security, people-to-people contact and connectivity. Meanwhile, the EPG also held meeting with Ambassadors/High Commissioners of BIMSTEC members based in Dhaka as well as the National Focal Points of the BIMSTEC Permanent Working Committee.

#### GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF SAARC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Seventh Governing Council Meeting of SAARC Development Fund (SDF) was held on 02 May 2024 in Tbilisi, Georgia on the sidelines of 57<sup>th</sup> ADB annual meeting. Attended by Finance Ministers, Secretaries

and representatives of SAARC Members, the Meeting discussed the criteria for funding projects in Member States, modalities of SDF functioning, and other relevant matters. Representing the Government of Nepal,

Mr. Shreekrishna Nepal, Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Finance attended the meeting. The Governing Council serves as an apex policy-making body of the SDF.

# C. DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMACY

# PREPARATORY INTERACTION FOR THIRD INVESTMENT SUMMIT ORGANIZED

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a virtual interaction

program entitled 'the Role of Diplomatic Missions in Third Investment Summit, 2024' with Ambassadors and officials of



Finance Minister, Chief Secretary, Foreign Secretary and CEO of IBN in the Program

Nepal's diplomatic missions abroad on 29 March 2024. The interaction program was addressed by Minister for Finance Mr. Barsha Man Pun, Chief Secretary Dr. Baikuntha Aryal, Foreign Secretary Ms. Sewa Lamsal, and CEO of Investment Board Mr. Sushil Bhatta. Nepali Ambassadors and Missions Heads briefed on their efforts to support the success of the Summit. Various means and measures of getting meaningful participation of relevant stakeholders from various countries in the Summit was discussed during the interaction.

#### THIRD INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2024 HELD IN KATHMANDU

The Government of Nepal organized the Third Investment Summit on 28-29 April 2024 in Kathmandu. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs actively participated in and supported the Summit. The Ministry facilitated the visit of foreign dignitaries participating in the Summit and their meetings with high dignitaries of Nepal.

Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' addressed the inaugural session of the Summit. Nearly 2,500 participants from over 50 countries participated in the Summit which included senior officials and business persons from India and China, as well as high dignitaries of Nepal's development partners.



DPMFM Shrestha delivering concluding remarks to the Summit

The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha chaired a Session on 'Investment Opportunities in Green Climate-Resilient Businesses in Nepal' during the Summit. He encouraged prospective partners and investors to bring in greener and climate resilient businesses and

investments to Nepal. At the Closing Session of the Summit on 29 April, DPMFM Shrestha delivered concluding address. In his address, the DPMFM summed up the highlights of the two-day event, and reiterated the Government's commitment to facilitate all potential investment proposals.

# D. PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND POLICY INTERACTIONS

#### LUMBINI CONCLAVE ON PEACE FOR PROSPERITY

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Honorary Consular Corps-Nepal (HCCN), organized Lumbini Conclave entitled "Global Peace for Prosperity" on 21-23 March 2024 in Bhairahawa, Rupandehi

for Non-Residential Ambassadors accredited to Nepal.

The participants of the Conclave flew from Kathmandu to Gautam Buddha International Airport on the morning of 21 March. They toured the Basantapur Danda in Palpa by Lumbini Cable Car in the afternoon session. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha addressed the official inaugural session in the evening of 21 March at Tiger Resorts

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in Bhairahawa. In his address, the DPMFM highlighted the message of global peace and harmony. The inaugural session had presentation on Lumbini Museum and on the culture of Buddhist arts including thanka. The evening was complemented with Nepali traditional cultural dances and music and exhibition on Buddhist arts.



DPMFM Shrestha addressing the business session during the Conclave



Participants attending the prayers in Lumbini

The Business Session on the second day was focused on upcoming Investment Summit in Kathmandu. CEO of Investment Board Nepal (IBN) Mr. Sushil Bhatta made a statement highlighting the preparations

for the Summit and potential opportunities of participating in the Summit. Addressing the session, DPMFM Shrestha requested the non-resident Ambassadors and their Honorary Consuls to encourage their

investors and business leaders to participate in the Summit.

The participants also toured Lumbini, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha and made prayers while deliberating on Buddha's message of peace and harmony.

# DIALOGUE FOR DEMOCRACY IN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

The Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA) Nepal, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia organized a programme entitled

'Dialogue for Democracy in Inclusive Society' on 20 March 2024 in Kathmandu.

Policymakers, members of think

tanks, academia, civil society and members of the media attended the program. The dialogue included speakers and moderators from Nepal and Indonesia, and involved two panel discussions on: 'Revitalizing Pluralistic Democracy: Collaborations Between Government and Non-State Actors in Democracy' and 'Democracy in Digital Age'. The Foreign Secretary Ms. Sewa Lamsal addressed the opening session of the Dialogue.



Foreign Secretary with the Panelists of the Dialogue

#### INTERACTION WITH FORMER NEPALI AMBASSADORS

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha held an interaction programme with former Nepali Ambassadors at the Ministry Hall on 20 March 2024. Following the welcome remarks by Foreign Secretary

Ms. Sewa Lamsal, the former Nepali Ambassadors shared their experience and suggested constructive inputs for pragmatic, practical and productive approaches of international relations and diplomacy Nepal could pursue. They also reiterated

on the continuity, consistency and reliability of foreign policy and foreign relations behaviours. The DPMFM thanked the Ambassadors for their feedback and inputs for further enhancing the conduct of Nepal's foreign relations.



Former Ambassadors of Nepal participating in the interaction

#### IN HOUSE FOREIGN POLICY INTERACTION

The Ministry organized an interaction program on "Maximizing Nepal's Benefits from

the Rise of India and China" on 16 March 2024 as a part of its annual program. Following the address by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha and Foreign Secretary

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Ms. Sewa Lamsal, Mr. Shankar Das Bairagi, National Security Advisor, made a presentation on the topic. Mr. Bairagi highlighted the opportunities for Nepal visà-vis the rapid economic growth and the rise of India and China in recent times. In his presentation, Mr. Bairagi stressed the need to adopt appropriate policies and strategies to benefit from these opportunities.



Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister addressing the interaction programme

# E. PROTOCOL UPDATES

#### FOREIGN AMBASSADORS PRESENTED THEIR LETTERS OF CREDENCE

Residential and Non-Residential Ambassadors-designate of different countries presented their letters of credence to the President Mr. Ramchandra Poudel amidst special ceremonies organised at the Office of President, Maharajgunj on 14 March 2024 and 13 May 2024. Those presenting their credentials include:

S. N.	Country	Name of the Ambassador-Designate	Category	<b>Ceremony Date</b>
1	Kingdom of Thailand	Mr. Suwapong Sirisorn	Residential	14 March 2024
2	Republic of Portugal	Mr. Joao Manuel Mendes Ribeiro de Almeida	Non-Residential	14 March 2024
3	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Capaya Rodriguez Gonzalez	Non-Residential	14 March 2024
4	Mongolia	Mr. Ganbold Dambajav	Non-Residential	14 March 2024
5	Republic of Cyprus	Mr. Evagoras Vryonides	Non-Residential	13 May 2024
6	Republic of Lithuania	Ms. Diana Mickeviciene	Non-Residential	13 May 2024
7	Kyrgyz Republic	Mr. Askar Beshimov	Non-Residential	13 May 2024
8	Republic of Ireland	Mr. Kevin Kelly	Non-Residential	13 May 2024

# F. SERVICE DELIVERY AT THE HEADQUARTERS

# NON-RESIDENT NEPALI (NRN) IDENTITY CARD

S. N.	Services (from the Ministry)	Number
1	Issuance of NRN Cards	25

# PASSPORT SERVICES

S. N.	Services	Number	Remarks
	E-passport issued	2,23,828	Ordinary
,		51	Diplomatic
1		473	Official
		2	Service
	1	37	Ordinary
2	MRP passports issued	6	Travel Document (TD)
3	Total passports issued	2,24,397	Districts, Nepali Missions and
3			the Department
4	Emails and social media responses	520	
5	Issuance of various documents	627	
6	Revenue collected at the Department of	551,970,500/-	
	Passport (NRs.)	331,370,300/-	

# **CONSULAR**

S. N.	Services	Number
A	Consular and Legal Counselling	
1	Recommendations letters	20
2	Issuances of No Objection Certificate (NOC) for education	606
3	Recommendations for police verification	145
4	Recommendations for procurement of chemicals & explosives	26
5	Documents issued for compensation cases abroad	89
6	Search and rescue correspondences	196
7	Correspondences for repatriation of deceased Nepali nationals	44
8	Correspondences on citizenship renouncement	52
9	Issuance of diplomatic and official card	58
В	Visa and Exemption	
1	Issuances of diplomatic/official/gratis visa	206
2	Issuances of recommendation letters for exemption	603
3	Issuances of SAARC Visa stickers	1
4	Other correspondences and recommendations	785
5	Number of official visa recommendations	280
C	Attestation	
1	Number of documents attested	129349
2	Number of Service Recipient	102088
3	Revenue collected at the Department of Consular Services (NRs.)	6,47,02,500/-

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