

Nepal National Day Special

Exchanges fuel growth, development

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On the auspicious occasion of the National Day of Nepal, I extend my warm greetings to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako and to the friendly government and people of Japan. I also take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to my fellow Nepali brothers and sisters and friends of Nepal in Japan. Both Nepal and Japan are known for rich cultures, traditions and civilizations. Both of our countries have been blessed with rich and unique natural and cultural gifts. The friendly and mutually rewarding bilateral relationship between Nepal and Japan spans more than a century. Ever since the establishment of diplomatic rela-

tions, both countries have maintained an excellent state of friendship with enhanced development cooperation and growing people-to-people relations. Tourism, trade, education and people-to-people ties remain the key dimensions of Nepal-Japan relations. Despite the distance of geography, our countries share a lot of commonalities in terms of religion, culture and a sense of being bestowed with a civilizational history. Japan is one of Nepal's biggest bilateral development partners and cooperation is on an increasing trend. The government and people of Nepal highly appreciate the generous and continuous cooperation of the friendly government and people of Japan, which has contributed enormously to the socioeconomic development of our country. Nepal is pursuing its foreign policy on the basis of "amity with all and enmity with none." The government of Nepal is determined to maintain and consolidate relations with its neighbors and all

friendly countries of the world on the basis of the U.N. Charter, nonalignment, the Panchasheela (five principles of peaceful coexistence), international law and the value of world peace. The efforts of the government are directed toward projecting Nepal as an attractive destination for foreign direct investment in productive sectors of the economy as well as infrastructure development. Nepal is making all efforts for the economic and social development of its people, and the country is on the right track to making good progress. I wish to mention that the bilateral ties between Nepal and Japan have not been confined to the governmental level alone. Relations have been expanding and flourishing on a personal level as well. I am delighted to mention that the Nepalese diaspora, which numbers more than 150,000 in Japan, is becoming more active in consolidating our bilateral ties in general and particularly in promoting the rich and diverse cultures, customs and cuisine of Nepal in Japan.



Hikers admire sunrise over the Annapurna massif from Poon Hill. NEPALESE EMBASSY

The Nepalese people are offering their presence in various social, cultural and commercial fields and fora in Japan. They have thus contributed to the creation of a beautiful cultural mosaic of Japan. The Nepalese community has enormously contributed to bringing our two cultures and countries closer. There have been significant achievements made over the years in our bilateral ties. There have been many bilateral exchanges and visits between the countries at different levels. These exchanges have been playing significant roles in further consolidating our relations. Long live Nepal-Japan relations!

Fostering friendship, prosperity

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On the occasion of Nepal's National Day and on behalf of the Japan-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship League, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the government and people of Nepal. Sept. 20 is the day the Constitution of Nepal was promulgated, and I would like to express my respect for the steady growth of democracy in Nepal under the constitution in recent years. Furthermore, in March, H.E. Ram Chandra Poudel, who served as the first chairman of the Japan-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship League and has done his utmost to promote friendship between

our countries for many years, was inaugurated as the president of Nepal. I am truly happy about this. Poudel and I were able to meet in Japan in 2016, and I feel a deep bond with him. We have heard that Nepal will participate in the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. We hope that participating in the expo will bring people new interest in Nepal, showcase its appeal as a tourist destination and encourage the growth of exchanges between our countries. The Japan-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship League will continue to make every effort possible to deepen bilateral relations. Finally, I would like to pray for further prosperity in Nepal and for the good health and development of all its people. This content was compiled in collaboration with the embassy. The views expressed here do not necessarily reflect those of the newspaper.

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