

# Nepal National Day Special

## Strong relationship built over many years

**DURGA BAHADUR SUBEDI**  
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE OF NEPAL



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.

Japan and the Japanese occupy a very special place in the hearts of the Nepalese. We also feel that the Japanese have a similar attachment with Nepal and the Nepalese. Both Nepal and Japan are known for rich cul-

tures, traditions and civilizations. Both of our countries have bestowed natural and cultural gifts upon us. Similarities such as these have kept us close for more than 100 years.

2022 marks the 66th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Nepal and Japan. This year we are celebrating the 120th anniversary of the arrival of the first batch of Nepali students to Japan for higher learning.

Ever since the establishment of diplomatic relations, our countries have maintained an excellent friendship with enhanced development cooperation and growing people-to-people relations.

Japan is among the major bilateral development partners of Nepal, and Japan's contribution to Nepal's socioeconomic development is instrumental. Many Nepali nationals educated in Japan are at the helm of their respective sectors of expertise in Nepal – be it administration, diplomacy,

education, economics, engineering, information technology, medicine or other areas under development.

Nepal is a multiethnic, multilingual, multi-religious and multicultural country with rich, diverse and vibrant cultures. It is a land of deep culture, beautiful nature and heart-throbbing adventure. It is a country where guests are regarded and treated as gods.

The efforts of the government of Nepal are directed toward making Nepal an attractive destination for foreign direct investment. Nepal is making all-out efforts for the economic and social development of its people.

I am delighted to mention that the Nepali diaspora, which number more than 100,000 in Japan, are active not only in promoting Nepali language, culture and customs, but also in consolidating our bilateral ties. Additionally, they have been contributing to the Japanese economy. Through their engagements in the social, cultural and commercial

affairs of Japan, they have brought our cultures and countries closer.

The Nepali community in Japan has thus contributed to the creation of the beautiful cultural mosaic of Japan. I would like to extend sincere thanks to the government of Japan for providing safety and security to the Nepali community and ensuring them an environment to grow.

Long live Nepal-Japan relations!



At 8,848.86 meters, Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world.

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## Hoping to revitalize people-to-people exchanges

**TOSHIHIRO NIKAI**  
JAPAN-NEPAL PARLIAMENTARIANS' FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE



On behalf of the Japan-Nepal Parliamentarians' Friendship League, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the government and people of Nepal on the occasion of their National Day.

In recent years, due to the spread of COVID-19, travel between our countries was difficult, but our friendly relation-

ship has remained intact. Aiming to prevent further spread of the virus, Japan, as a long-standing friend of Nepal, provided approximately 1.6 million doses of vaccine manufactured in Japan through the COVAX facility last month. I firmly believe these have helped mitigate the infection situation in Nepal.

This year marks the 120th anniversary since the first batch of Nepali students came to Japan to study. I hope that, in this milestone year, people-to-people exchanges between our two countries will be revitalized again.

Furthermore, we appreciate that Nepal will participate in the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. I am confident that Ambassador-

Designate Durga Bahadur Subedi will contribute to the development of economic exchanges between our countries in various ways.

The members of the Japan-Nepal Parliamentarians' Friendship League are determined to continue to make every effort to expand our relations and deepen mutual understanding between Japan and Nepal.

I would like to extend my best wishes for the continuing good health and success of the people of Nepal.

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