

Nepal National Day Special

Building national prestige on a global level

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AMBASSADOR OF NEPAL



On the auspicious occasion of the National Day of Nepal, I extend my warm greetings to their majesties the emperor and empress and to the friendly government and people of Japan.

Today, we, the Nepali people, are celebrating the national day of Nepal. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my best wishes to all the Nepali brothers and sisters living in Japan. I hope and believe that this occasion will inspire all Nepalis to attain the goal of all-round development, peace and prosperity in the country with political stability, economic development and social justice in the light of Nepal's transformation into a federal democratic republic.

The friendly and mutually rewarding bilateral relationship between Nepal and

Japan has unique attributes with the foundational link of Buddhism. This has since been transformed into multifaceted and mutually rewarding interactions ranging from economic, commercial and investment activities to educational, religious and cultural ties.

The growing presence of Nepali nationals in Japan, who comprise a population of roughly 200,000 people spread from Hokkaido to Okinawa, has been contributing to the strengthening of personal ties between our friendly countries.

We are projecting Nepal as a promising and reliable destination for trade, tourism and investment. The government has been pursuing liberal trade, commercial and foreign investment policies and striving for the creation of an investment-friendly environment to encourage and invite foreign direct investment to the country.

Nepal's location between the two rising economies of the contemporary world presents opportunities for investors and traders from friendly countries. Nepal possesses huge natural resources that have significant and substantial commercial potential.

Hydropower, agriculture, tourism, information technology, infrastructure and many other sectors offer sustainable and beneficial opportunities for foreign direct investment.

Nepal is conducting its international relations toward enhancing the dignity of the country in the global community by maintaining a foreign policy based on sovereign equality, while safeguarding Nepal's freedom, sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and national interests.

Japan has been regarded as one of the major bilateral development partners of Nepal, covering a wide range of sectors — from agriculture to infrastructure, education to energy, and disaster risk reduction to environmental conservation. The depth and warmth of this historic relationship has the potential to expand further into many areas, including climate change, disaster resilience and waste management.

There have been reciprocal high-level visits between our friendly countries at both the government and parliamentary levels. Nepal welcomed Her Excellency Yoko Kamikawa, the minister of foreign affairs, in



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May. Her successful official visit has contributed enormously to further enhancing our friendly bilateral relationship.

As Nepal's ambassador, I am committed to further elevating the rich bilateral relationship between Nepal and Japan. I am now focusing on preparations to mark 70 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties between Nepal and Japan, which will be commemorated next year. I am, indeed, working diligently to attain new heights in consolidating close, cordial and cooperative ties between Nepal and Japan.

Strong bonds steadily growing

TOSHIHIRO NIKAI
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FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE



On the occasion of Nepal's National Day, on behalf of the Japan-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship League, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the

government and people of Nepal.

I would also like to express my respect for the steady growth and the strengthening of democracy and the rule of law in Nepal under the constitution promulgated on this day nine years ago.

In recent years, the number of Nepalis in Japan has been growing. I am happy to see that the exchange of people between Japan and Nepal is increasing and that Nepalis are playing an active role in various parts of Japanese society.

This May, Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa visited Nepal and had a fruitful exchange on strengthening bilateral relations. We also welcome your country's participation at next year's Osaka Expo. We hope the expo will showcase Nepal's charms and attract visitors from Nepal to Japan, further energizing the exchanges between our countries.

It is our hope that through these exchanges, the relationship between the two countries will steadily deepen.

Furthermore, 2026 will mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Nepal, and the Japan-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship League will continue to make every effort possible to foster momentum between our countries.

I would like to pray for further prosperity for Nepal and the health of its people.

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