



Press Release



His Excellency Prof. Dr. Mahendra Prasad Singh Rajput, Ambassador of Nepal to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia paid a call on His Excellency Dr. Nizar Obaid Madani, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah yesterday and presented copies of Letters of Credence to process and make arrangement for presenting Letters of Credence to His Majesty King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

During the meeting, highlighting the cordial relations subsisting between Nepal and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency the Ambassador expressed the desire of the Government of Nepal to explore new avenues of cooperation and to work together to strengthen relations between the two countries in the days ahead. He underlined the importance of Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement, General Labour Agreement as well as Agreement on Domestic Service Workers for both countries and emphasized to expedite the process to conclude them as soon as possible.

Highlighting the importance of high level visits to strengthen bilateral relations between any two countries, Ambassador Singh Rajput underlined the need to exchange such high level visits between Nepal and Saudi Arabia soon in the near future.

On behalf of the Government of Nepal, His Excellency the Ambassador also expressed thanks to the Government of Saudi Arabia for extending valuable support for Nepal and the Nepali people during the difficult situation happened to be faced by Nepal due to devastating earthquake and its aftermath in 2015.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia congratulated the Ambassador for his appointment as the Ambassador of Nepal to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, extended him a very warm welcome in the Kingdom, assured every



support from the Government of Saudi Arabia to discharge his duties and wished successful term of office as the Ambassador of Nepal to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Recalling his visit to Nepal in 1984, state Minister for Foreign Affairs highly acclaimed natural beauty and resources gifted to Nepal by nature and mentioned that in terms of such natural gifts Nepal is a rich country. He agreed with the views expressed by the Ambassador about the importance of agreements that are in pipelines and also expressed the desire of the Government of Saudi Arabia to work on those agreements with priority and conclude them at the earliest.

During the call on, other matters of mutual interests of both countries, including issues and problems of Nepali migrant workers were also discussed.

On the occasion, the Chief of Protocol as well as other senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from Saudi Arabia side, and Deputy Chief of Mission from the Embassy of Nepal, Acting Consul General and Consul from the Consulate General of Nepal in Jeddah were also present.

His Excellency the Ambassador also held a meeting with the current Chairman of Nepal Haj Committee in Jeddah today. During the meeting the Chairman briefed the Ambassador about the ongoing preparations and arrangements made for Nepali Haj pilgrims this year. On the occasion, discussions were also held to make the HaJ pilgrimage safe, secured and comfortable. This year about 1250 Nepali Haj pilgrims are planning to visit Makkah and Madina for Haj pilgrimage.

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