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The second round of Foreign Office Consultations between Nepal and Bangladesh was held in Dhaka today on 8 Oct 2017. Foreign Secretary of Nepal Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi and Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh Md. Shahidul Haque led their respective delegations.

Both sides discussed ways and means for further strengthening multifaceted relations and cooperation between the two countries for mutual benefit. They underlined the need for exchanging high level visits and reactivating all bilateral mechanisms to expand and consolidate cooperation in various fields.

The meeting reviewed the overall state of bilateral relations and matters pertaining to trade, transit and connectivity, investment, higher education, energy, tourism and people-to-people contact, among others. Cooperation on matters of common interest in sub-regional, regional and international forums also featured during the discussion.

Both sides agreed that development of operational modalities for transit cargo movement, conclusion of preferential trading arrangements, setting up a permanent mechanism promote cooperation on power sector would be taken up with priority. They also shared views on promoting sub-regional cooperation on agreed areas within the BBIN framework.

Later in the evening, the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh hosted a dinner in honour of Nepali delegation.

The other members of the Nepali delegation included H.E. Prof. Dr. Chop Lal Bhusal, Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh, Mr. Bhriugu Dhungana, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Rabi Shanker Sainju, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Mr. Dinesh Kumar Ghimire, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Mr. Dhan Bahadur Oli, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Nepal, Dhaka, Mr. Ambika Joshi, Section Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ms. Lalita Silwal, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The meeting decided to hold the third round of Foreign Office Consultations between Nepal and Bangladesh in Kathmandu next year.

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