



## **Press Release**

Minister for Commerce and Supplies, Hon. Mr. Sunil Bahadur Thapa participated in the *ICC International Conference on Global Economic Recovery: Asian Perspective* held in Dhaka from 25-26 October 2014. The conference was inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh H.E. Abdul Hamid and was attended by policy makers, academics, think tanks, and business leaders from various countries from the region.

Speaking at the plenary session the Hon. Minister stressed upon enhancing connectivity in the region to take advantages of the opportunities provided by an increasingly liberal trade and investment regime at the regional and global level. He also underscored the need to forge for deeper cooperation amongst the countries of region for removing tariff and non-tariff barriers, trade facilitation measures and for increased regional connectivity and regional energy trade. Speaking on the occasion UNCTAD Secretary General H.E. Mukhisa Kituyi highlighted that economic resilience in Asia has been contributed mainly through domestic and regional market reform and underlined the need for cross-border transformation, low-cost energy, and regional connectivity for inclusive and sustained economic growth in the region.

Hon'ble Minister Mr. Thapa attended a dinner hosted by the Commerce Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed in honor of the dignitaries participating in the conference. Ambassador H.E. Mr. H.K. Shrestha hosted a luncheon in honour of the Hon'ble Minister at his residence on 25 October 2014. During the occasion, the Hon'ble Minister held interactions with Nepali expatriates working at international organizations in Dhaka.

The Hon. Minister left Dhaka for Kathmandu this morning. He was seen off at the Shah Jalal International Airport by the Ambassador of Nepal, and senior officials of the Government of Bangladesh.

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