



Embassy of Nepal, Dhaka

Press Release

Visit of Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs to Dhaka

At the invitation Hon. Dr. Dipu Moni, Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Hon. Narayan Kaji Shrestha 'Prakash', Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs arrived in Dhaka on 4 August 2012 to attend the two-day International Conference on "People's Empowerment and Development" organized by the Government of Bangladesh from 5-6 August 2012.

The International conference is attended by high level delegations of 60 countries, including ministerial delegations from Bhutan, India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka from the SAARC member states and top officials of the UN and international organizations. The conference will focus on interlinked and mutually reinforcing elements essential for peace and empowerment such as eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing inequality, and accelerating social development.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the conference, Hon. Deputy Prime Minister underlined the need for concerted international efforts to create inclusive society that promotes harmony and peace and takes care of special needs of the ethnic minorities, indigenous tribes who have been historically excluded from the mainstream. He also stressed that peace, freedom, stability and development can be achieved by working together in true spirit of partnership. He further emphasized that ultimate goal of human society would be possible by filling the gaps between the haves and have nots, the developed and the underdeveloped and the powerful and the powerless. Hon. Deputy Prime Minister also led a panel discussion on the thematic topic on "Mitigating Deprivation."

Hon. Deputy Prime Minister paid a courtesy call on H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh today afternoon at the Prime Minister's Official Residence and exchanged views on matters of enhancing bilateral cooperation, including connectivity, trade and transit, tourism promotion and people-to-people contact.

On his arrival at the Dhaka International Airport, Hon. Deputy Prime Minister was received by H.E. Mr. Hari Kumar Shrestha and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh. In the evening, Hon. Deputy Prime Minister attended a dinner hosted by the Ambassador in the Embassy residence, which was attended by a large number of Nepalese community in Dhaka.

The other members of the Nepalese delegation consist of H.E. Mr. Hari Kumar Shrestha, Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh, Mr. Deepak Dhital, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other senior officials.

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