



Press Release

Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat met H.E. Mr. Murray McCully, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand at Wellington this afternoon. On the occasion, the two Foreign Ministers exchanged views on matters of bilateral relations between Nepal and New Zealand. They expressed satisfaction over the subsisting relations between the two countries and discussed on expanding the areas of cooperation in the days to come.

Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs requested his counterpart to make visa issuance procedure easier for Nepali students and other visitors, increase the ODA to Nepal, increase the scholarships to Nepali students and enhance investment in Nepal particularly in the areas of energy, infrastructure and agriculture. Both the Ministers also exchanged views on promoting tourism, exchange of expertise, technology transfer in the days to come. They also dwelt on the effect of earthquakes on people, physical infrastructure and ancient cultural heritage of Nepal, post earthquake reconstruction process and people-to-people contacts between Nepal and New Zealand. Both the Ministers also discussed on matters related to the ecological environment of mountain regions.

Senior officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand and members of Nepali delegation were present on the occasion.

Later in the afternoon, Hon'ble Dr. Mahat also attended the interaction programme organized by Wellington Nepali Samaj in Wellington, New Zealand.

On 27 November 2016, Hon'ble Dr. Mahat participated in the interaction programme organised by the Nepali community in Auckland. More than 200 Community members were present in the programme.

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