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The third meeting of Nepal-Japan Bilateral Consultation Mechanism was held in Kathmandu today.

Joint Secretary and the Head of North East Asia Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal Mr. Kali Prasad Pokhrel and Director-General of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Hiroshi Ishikawa led their respective delegations to the meeting.

During the meeting, the two sides took stock of all aspects of bilateral relations and exchanged views on further promoting cooperation between the two countries. While expressing satisfaction over the existing excellent bilateral relations, both sides laid emphasis on the importance of exchanging high-level visits in order to further fortify the bilateral ties.

The two sides discussed the various ways of enhancing cooperation in the areas of trade, tourism, investment, agriculture, infrastructure, hydropower, education, human resources, as well as culture and people-to-people contacts. The regional and international issues of mutual interests were also discussed during the meeting.

The Japanese delegation consisted of H.E. Mr. Masamichi Saigo, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, Ms. Chisako Nishitani, Deputy Director at Southwest Asia Division of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Kento Morozumi, official of the Southwest Asia Division of the Foreign Ministry. The Nepali delegation included Mr. Buddhi Sagar Lamichhane, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mr. Arjun Jang Thapa, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, Ms. Radhika Aryal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, senior Officials of the concerned ministries of the Government of Nepal.

Following the meeting, the Director-General called on the Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali, Foreign Affairs Advisor to the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Rajan Bhattarai and Foreign Secretary Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi at their respective offices.

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