

## नेपाली राजदूतावास Embassy of Nepal Brussels, Belgium

## **Press Release**

His Excellency Mr. Gahendra Rajbhandari, Ambassador and Head of Mission of Nepal to the European Union (EU), presented his Letters of Credence to Her Excellency Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, the President of the European Commission amidst a special ceremony held at the Office of the European Commission in Brussels today.

Following the ceremony, Ambassador Rajbhandari had an opportunity to have a brief meeting with the President of the European Commission. During the meeting, the President of the European Commission Ms. Ursula von der Leyen congratulated Ambassador Rajbhandari on his appointment and wished him success in further strengthening the existing relations between Nepal and the EU. On the occasion, Ambassador Rajbhandari conveyed the greetings and best wishes from the President of Nepal Right Hon'ble Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari as well as from the Prime Minister Right Hon'ble Mr. K P Sharma Oli to H.E. the President and expressed his willingness to work very closely with the EU institutions to take the relations between Nepal and the EU to a new height during his tenure.

After the ceremony, Ambassador Rajbhandari informed her about the COVID-19 crisis currently unfolding in Nepal. In the light of the current COVID crisis in Nepal, Ambassador Rajbhandari requested for assistance from the EU to address the current needs and critical health situation that includes vaccines, supply of essential medical items and life-saving drugs. The European Commission President assured that the European Union would help Nepal to fight against the pandemic through its mechanism.

On the occasion, Ambassador Rajbhandari expressed appreciation and gratitude of the Government and the people of Nepal to the President and through her to all the EU authorities for the continued cooperation and support to Nepal.

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