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## MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



## Press Release

On behalf of the Government of the State of Qatar, the Ambassador of Qatar to Nepal His Excellency Mr. Ahamed Jaseem Mohammed Ali Al-Hamer handed over the keys of nine Mercedes Benz cars to Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Kamal Thapa amid a special handover ceremony organized at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singha Durbar today.

During the handover ceremony, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Kamal Thapa expressed sincere gratitude to the Government of State of Qatar for providing these vehicles to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal. Hon. Mr. Thapa highlighted that Nepal and Qatar have been enjoying excellent relations ever since the establishment of diplomatic relations on 21 January 1977. He further said that Qatar has been providing employment to almost four hundred thousand Nepalese youths. He also thanked the Government of Qatar for its valuable assistance in the socio-economic development of Nepal. The Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs also asked the Ambassador to convey a message to the private sector in Qatar that Nepal has a conducive environment for foreign investment in various sectors after the promulgation of a new constitution.

Likewise, His Excellency Ambassador Mr.Al-Hamer also highlighted the excellent relations subsisting between Nepal and Qatar and mentioned that Government of the State of Qatar is providing these nine cars as small gifts as a gesture of friendship and goodwill existing between Nepal and Qatar.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will use these vehicles in important occasions including upcoming BIMSTEC summit, SAARC meetings, presentation of credential ceremonies by foreign heads of missions and other important functions to be organized in Nepal involving high ranking foreign dignitaries.

Foreign Secretary Mr.Shanker Das Bairagi and other high ranking officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diplomats of the Embassy of Qatar in Nepal were also present at the handover ceremony.

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