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Press Release

His Excellency Durga Prasad Bhattarai, presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nepal to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to His Excellency Nicolas Maduro Moros, President of Venezuela, amidst a special function held at Presidential Palace in Caracas, today (5 September 2016).

On the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Bhattarai conveyed the best wishes and greetings of the Rt. Hon'ble Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal for the personal health and happiness of the President as well as for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Venezuela. H.E. Mr. Bhattarai also conveyed the best wishes and greetings of Rt. Hon. Puspa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda), Prime Minister of Nepal to the President, Government and the people of Venezuela.

While receiving the Letters of Credence, President Maduro felicitated Ambassador Bhattarai for being appointed as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nepal to Venezuela. The President extended his best wishes for the personal health and happiness of the Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal as well as for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Nepal. President Maduro also expressed his desire to further strengthen the existing bilateral relations between the two countries.

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela Ms. Delcy Rodriguaga as well as Deputy Foreign Ministers and Vice Ministers responsible for different geographical regions were present during the ceremony.

Prior to the ceremony at Presidential Palace, copies of the Credentials were received by H.E. Mr. Alexander Yanez, Deputy Foreign Minister of Venezuela at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. While welcoming Ambassador Bhattarai, the Deputy Foreign Minister assured him of full support and cooperation from the Government of Venezuela in discharging his duties. On the occasion, matters relating to bilateral interest and ways to further promote Nepal-Venezuela relations were discussed.

Minister Counsellor Ghana Shyam Lamsal was present as the part of the Ambassador's team at the meeting as well as at the ceremony.

Ambassador Bhattarai was among five non-residential ambassadors who presented their Credentials in a single ceremony today.

Nepal and Venezuela established bilateral diplomatic relations on 26 April 1987 and have been working closely at various multilateral forums as members of the United Nations, Group of 77 and Non-Aligned Movement. Venezuela is hosting XVII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Margarita Island later this month. Venezuela is currently also a member of the United Nations Security Council.

H. E. Mr. Bhattarai is Permanent Representative of Nepal to United Nations in New York, and is concurrently accredited as ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

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