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## Prime Minister KP Sharma Meets with Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly



Prime Minister Mr. K P Sharma Oli held a meeting with Dr. Mostafa Kamal Madbouly, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt on June 30 in Seville, Spain on the sidelines of 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development Conference. On the occasion, matters related to strengthening relations between Nepal and Egypt, especially in promoting economic ties in the fields of trade, investment and tourism, were discussed. Prime Minister Oli extolled the historical relations between the two countries, and noted that Egypt was the first African nation where Nepal established an embassy, reflecting the depth of their diplomatic ties.

He recalled his telephone conversation with the President of Egypt in March this year, and hoped that Egypt's continuous efforts would enable securing the release of Mr. Bipin Joshi, a Nepali citizen, from the captivity of Hamas.

Egypt's Prime Minister Madbouly commended the longstanding and historic ties between Egypt and Nepal, and expressed Egypt's keenness to strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation in various fields, including education.

He also stressed the need to enhance economic relations to match the level of strong political ties between the two countries.



## Ambassador Lamsal Presents Credentials to Lebanese President Aoun



Ambassador Mr Sushil K Lamsal presented his Letters of Credence to His Excellency General Joseph Aoun, President of the Republic of Lebanon, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nepal to the Republic of Lebanon amidst a special ceremony held at the Presidential Palace in Beirut on May 30, 2025. Prior to the ceremony, the national anthems of Nepal and Lebanon were played by a military band, followed by a Guard of Honor.

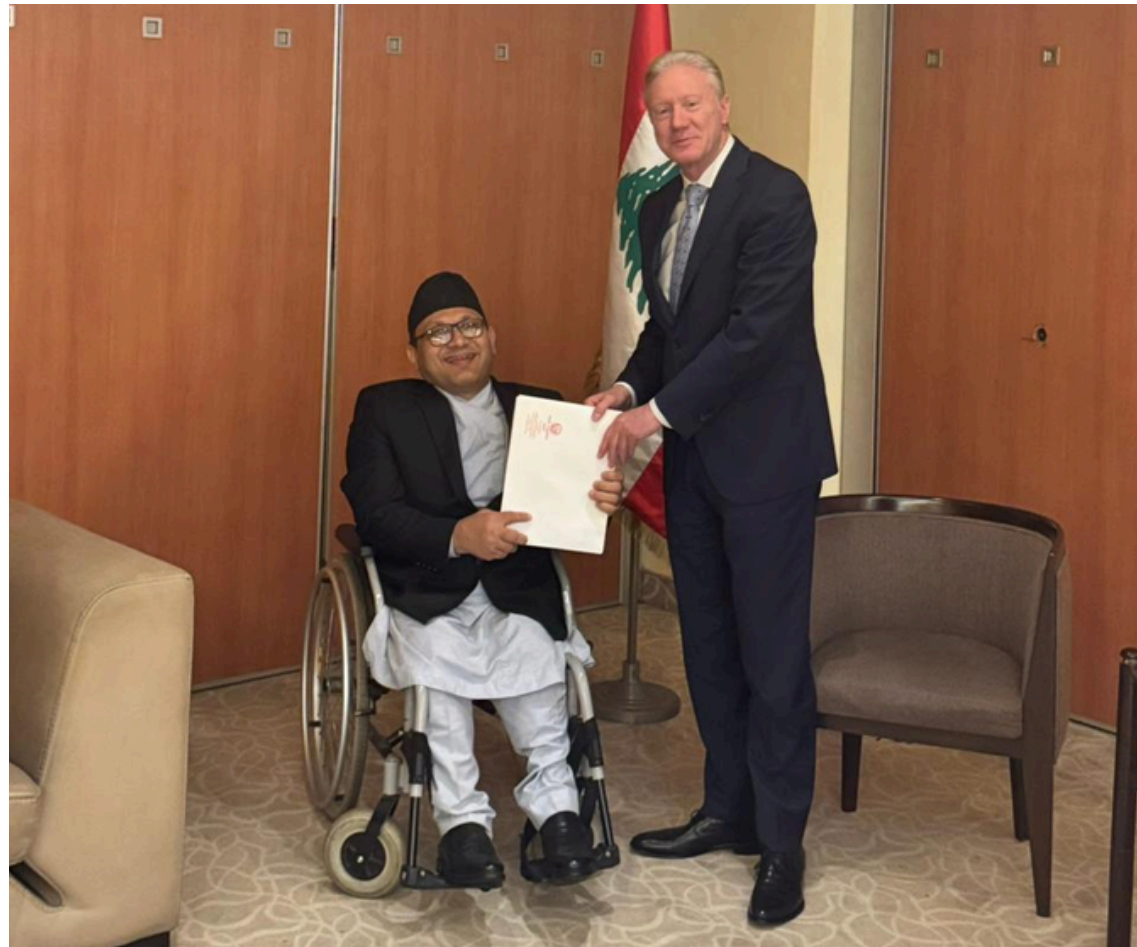
After presenting his credentials, Ambassador Lamsal called on President Aoun, and conveyed to him the warm greetings and best wishes of President of Nepal Rt Hon Ramchandra Paudel for his personal good health and happiness, and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Lebanon.

Ambassador Lamsal highlighted the growing potentials of bilateral exchanges between Nepal and Lebanon in various sectors, and expressed the hope that the ties between the two countries would continue to grow and diversify in the days ahead.

Congratulating the Ambassador on his assumption of responsibilities as the Ambassador of Nepal to Lebanon, President Aoun extended his sincere greetings and best wishes for the personal good health and happiness of the Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal as well as for the peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Nepal. He expressed the confidence that the friendly relations between the two countries would continue to advance and strengthen in the future.



## Ambassador Lamsal Meets with Lebanese Foreign Minister Rajji



On May 30, Ambassador Mr. Lamsal met with Mr. Youssef Rajji, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Republic of Lebanon. Matters pertaining to Nepal-Lebanon bilateral ties, including the promotion of trade, investment and tourism, and people-to-people exchanges, were discussed during the meeting.

Minister Rajji congratulated the ambassador on his assumption of responsibilities and hoped that bilateral relations between Nepal and Lebanon would continue to grow in the days ahead. Ambassador Lamsal presented to him the copies of his Letters of Credence as Ambassador of Nepal to Lebanon.

Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Hani Al-Shemaitli and other officials of the foreign office were present on the occasion.

Nepal and Lebanon established diplomatic relations on August 18, 1963. Bilateral ties between the two sides have been marked by goodwill and cooperation both at bilateral and multilateral levels. Both countries hold similar views on issues relating to global development, and collaborate on matters of mutual interest.

Nepal is an important contributor to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), with a contingent of Nepal Army peacekeepers serving in the country.



## CEO Gewali Speaks about Investment Opportunities in Nepal



The Embassy held a seminar in Cairo on July 11, 2025 to promote investment cooperation between Nepal and Egypt. CEO of Investment Board of Nepal, Sushil Gewali and Ambassador of Nepal to Egypt, Sushil K Lamsal interacted with representatives of Egypt's General Authority of Investments and Free Zones (GAFI) and private sector companies at the program.

CEO Gewali said IBN looked forward to deepening collaboration with GAFI in promoting investment cooperation between Nepal and Egypt, especially in sectors such as IT, tourism, and agriculture. He spoke about the investment-friendly business climate in Nepal and invited Egyptian entrepreneurs to explore the business opportunities in Nepal.

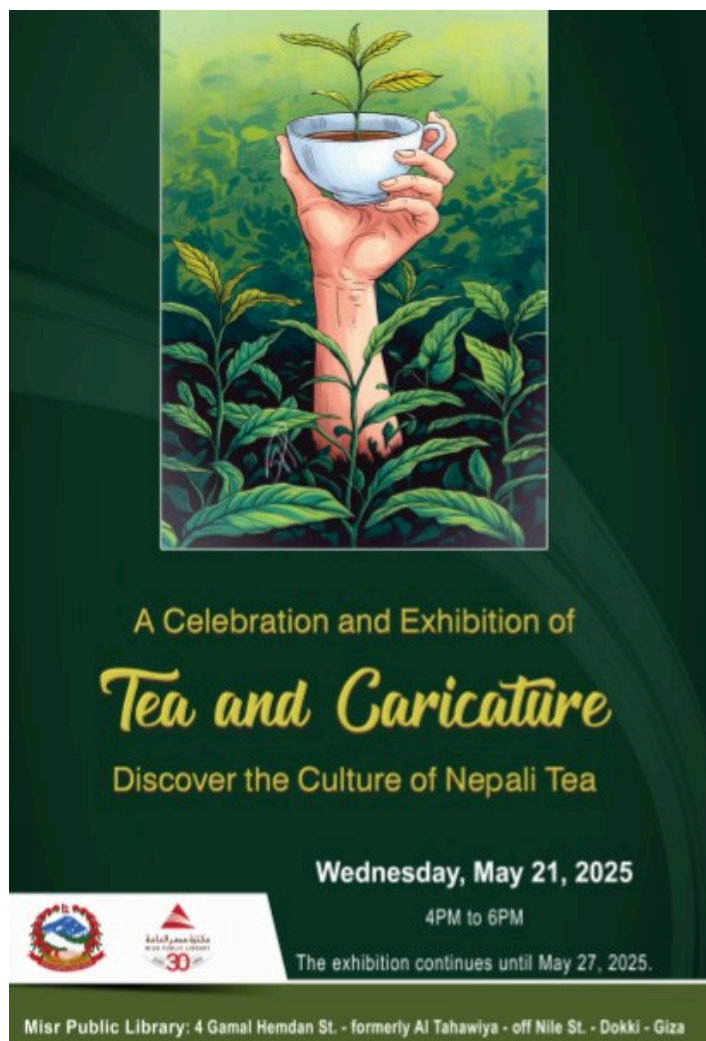
Welcoming the guests, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal recalled efforts at establishing contacts and enhancing coordination between IBN and GAFI on promoting bilateral investments cooperation in recent years, and highlighted the potentials for enhancing commercial and investment relations between the two countries.

Discussions at the program focused on identifying avenues of collaboration and investments, and enhancing economic partnership and commercial exchanges between the two countries.

The participants enquired about the business climate in Nepal, particularly the competitiveness of the domestic market, the country's free trade arrangements with other countries and its investment regime.



## Celebration of International Tea Day at Misr Public Library



On May 21, 2025, on the occasion of International Tea Day, the Embassy of Nepal in Cairo hosted an event titled “Tea and Caricature”, organized in collaboration with the Misr Public Library, and various local and international artists. The event attracted tea enthusiasts, producers, and ambassadors and diplomats for a unique celebration of Nepal’s rich tea heritage.

Distinguished guests included the Ambassador of Sri Lanka, the Ambassador of Myanmar, Ambassador Reda Altaify (Director of Misr Public Libraries Fund), and other diplomats. H.E. Sushil K. Lamsal, Ambassador of Nepal to Egypt, delivered a speech on the global significance of tea, and the role of tea in Nepali economy and society.

Highlights included a curated tea tasting session, where attendees sampled Nepal’s finest high-altitude teas, and learned about the country's distinct tea-growing regions and sustainable farming practices. Traditional Nepali snacks were served alongside cultural performances, creating a rich sensory and cultural experience.

The event featured caricature art exhibitions, adding a creative dimension that bridged visual art with cultural identity.

Discussions among participants of the program focused on expanding Nepali tea's presence in Cairo's market and elevating its global recognition.



## Interactions with Travel & Tour Companies



On May 7, the Embassy organized an interaction program with participants of the FAM Trip to Nepal organised by the Embassy in April.

The FAM Trip offered travel agents and media representatives from Egypt the opportunity to explore Nepal's tourism market as well as its pristine nature and rich culture.

Minister Counselor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Ahmed El-Sokkary, joined the interactions.

Welcoming the guests, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal thanked the participating Egyptian travel companies for joining the trip to Nepal, and hoped that they would be offering tailored travel packages to Nepal for Egyptian tourists on the basis of their first-hand experience.

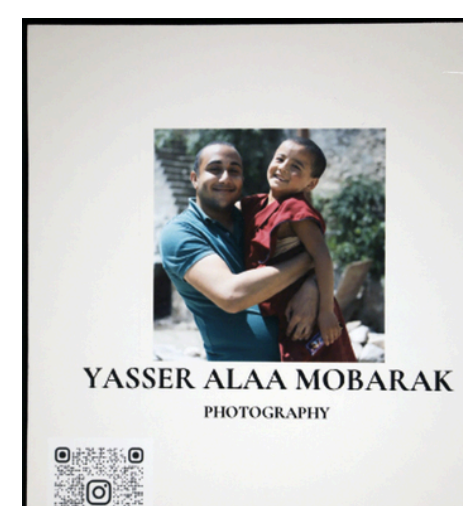
He thanked Jazeera Airways for sponsoring the flight tickets for the participants, and said that the Embassy was keen on lending its support to encouraging the promotion of tourism cooperation between the two countries to both the travel companies and the airlines.

Minister Counselor El-Sokkary said that the companies should keep in mind the rising middle class of Egypt while making tour packages, as the middle class category was likely to be the most potent source of outbound tourists from Egypt in the coming days.

Participants expressed their interest in promoting Nepal as a travel destination for Egyptian outbound tourists and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration and marketing efforts to build on the current momentum.



## Nepal Photography Exhibition



The Salah Taher Gallery of the Cairo Opera House hosted the “Faces from Nepal” exhibition from July 1-3, 2025, featuring 30 photographs taken by photojournalist Yasser Alaa Mubarak.

These pictures, taken during the 2024 Mahashivaratri Festival at the Pashupatinath Temple in Kathmandu, as well as Swoyambhunath Temple and Kapan Monastery, portrayed the spiritual vibrancy, cultural richness, and everyday life of Nepal.

During the opening ceremony, Mr. Sushil K. Lamsal, Ambassador of Nepal to Egypt, spoke on Nepal's cultural and spiritual heritage and stressed the need to enhance cultural exchange between Nepal and Egypt.

He praised the photographer's deep sensitivity in capturing the essence of Nepali society and emphasized the role of art and culture in building mutual understanding among people.

Photojournalist Yasser Alaa Mubarak shared his experience of working in Nepal and said that Nepal was a center of great attraction for photographers due to its immense and diverse cultural heritage.

Around one hundred participants, including photographers and journalists, artists, representatives of diplomatic missions, and students, were present at the inauguration program. Nepali tea was served at the end of the program.



**'Aromas of Nepali Tea': Some Snapshots**







### Snapshots of 'Faces from Nepal'

