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Hon. Dr. Bikram Timilsina, Minister for Information and Communication of Nepal, addressed the Plenary session of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU PP-26) being held at DECC, Doha.

In his address, the Hon. Minister expressed Nepal's steady expansion of digital connectivity and underscored the need for reliable disaster-resilient networks and emergency communication mechanisms. He called upon the ITU and its Member States to provide targeted technical assistance, maximize concessional and grant financing, ensure demand-driven technology transfer, and enhance support for policy and regulatory reforms for developing countries, and stressed that the priorities of least developed and developing countries must meaningfully shape the ITU's strategic and financial direction.

Earlier this morning, the Hon. Minister met with H.E. Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General of the ITU. Hon. Minister requested for ITU's assistance in strengthening Nepal's early warning information system making reference to the recent disasters in Nepal.

The Hon. Minister also moderated the High-Level Thematic Discussion on Emerging Technology. The discussion focused on bridging persistent divides in digital infrastructure and highlighted the importance of timely development of international standards, strengthened cybersecurity, and coordinated approaches to spectrum management, among others.

H.E. Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications, Republic of India called on the Hon. Minister on the sidelines of the Conference. During the meeting, the Hon. Minister urged for the conclusion of agreement on cooperation in the satellite sector.

Likewise, H.E. Mr. Xiong Jijun, Vice Minister of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China called on the Hon. Minister where they discussed about the need for bilateral cooperation in developing an effective early warning system and enhancing cross-border connectivity.

Furthermore, the Hon. Minister also held bilateral meetings with the Heads of Delegations of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Türkiye, the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of Ghana during which ways to further strengthen and develop mutual support and cooperation in the emerging technologies and communication sector were discussed.

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