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## **Press Release**

H.E. Dr. Krishna Prasad Oli, the Ambassador of Nepal to the People's Republic of China, participated in the inauguration of the 9th China South Asia Exposition and the 29th Kunming Import and Export Fair, organized by the Ministry of Commerce of China and the Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Yunnan Province, in Kunming city on 19 June 2025.

During the event, Ambassador Dr. Oli addressed the opening ceremony of the 6<sup>th</sup> China South Asia Cooperation Forum hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and the Foreign Affairs Office of Yunnan Province under the theme "Join Hands for Open and Inclusive Development."

In his speech, H.E. Dr. Oli underscored the importance of the Forum as a key platform for strengthening regional exchanges and mutual benefits between China and South Asia. He highlighted the vast potentials of South Asia, pointing out its shared commonalities including natural resources, cultural diversity, vibrant markets, and huge workforce as important components making mutual cooperation and collaboration essential in the region.

Ambassador Dr. Oli expressed his satisfaction over the extensive, deep rooted and multifaceted relationship between Nepal and China. With 2025 marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of bilateral relations between Nepal and China, he emphasized the need of further fostering the cooperation in the fields such as trade, investment, tourism, energy, agriculture, ICT, industry, connectivity, health, and education. He also called for continued support of China in Nepal's efforts of transforming from a landlocked to a land-linked country.

Referring that Pokhara and Kunming as sister cities, H.E. Dr. Oli invited Chinese tourists, particularly from Kunming to visit Nepal and explore its natural beauty and cultural heritage as 2025 is designated as Nepal Visit Year.

The Forum was attended by high-ranking dignitaries from various South and South East Asian countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Laos, Myanmar, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates and Vietnam as well as business community, think tanks and media.

Some 120 Nepali exhibitors are participating in the 9<sup>th</sup> China South Asia Exposition and the 29<sup>th</sup> Kunming Import and Export Fair which will run until 24 June 2025.

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