Press Release

Hon'able Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal and the visiting Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Her Excellency Ms. Samantha Power held a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today. During the meeting, views were exchanged on various aspects of Nepal-US relations and cooperation.

Hon Foreign Minister thanked the United States for its continued cooperation for Nepal's socioeconomic development, including the USAID cooperation package last year, which has contributed to various areas of Nepal's development such as health and education, transport and communication, agriculture and environment. She also thanked the US Government for providing the significant quantum of Covid 19 vaccines and other medical items, including pediatric vaccines.

Highlighting Nepal's strong commitments on climate change, the Foreign Minister also shared Nepal's view on the need of a clear roadmap and ambitious goal on climate finance.

The USAID Administrator Her Excellency Ms. Power complimented Nepal's democratic development and said that the United States will continue to support Nepal in its socioeconomic development efforts.

Also today, Hon Foreign Minister delivered an opening remark in the event on "Deepening US-Nepal Democratic Partnership" as a guest speaker together with the USAID Administrator. In her remarks, the Foreign Minister highlighted the continued efforts made in the consolidation of Nepal's democratic processes.

The USAID Administrator is scheduled to meet the Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister tomorrow.

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