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Press Release

On the auspicious occasion of the 2569th Buddha Purnima, The Embassy of Nepal, Bangkok together with Nepal Tourism Board is organizing various programs in Bangkok. Today in the morning an **"Interaction with stakeholders about -Lumbini and Communities around the world Heritage Sites"** program was held at the Hotel Annantara Siam, Bangkok.

Addressing the program, H.E. Mr. Dhan Bahadur Oli, Ambassador of Nepal to the Kingdom of Thailand highlighted the historical, cultural, socio-economic facets of Lumbini, and he further underscored the importance of collaboration and partnership among the key stakeholders for the promotion of Lumbini in collaboration with local communities around the world heritage sites of the birthplace of Lord Buddha.

Honorable Mr. Prachand Bikram Neupane, Minister for Ministry of Industry Tourism and Transport, Lumbini Province Dang expressed his commitment to play coordinating role for the promotion and development of Lumbini and the communities around together with Local and federal governments. Principal Secretary of Lumbini Province Mr. Babu Ram Adhikari highlighted the policy and program of Province Government in the direction to develop the areas in an integrated way together with all stakeholders and shared the upcoming program and policy like supporting organic farming practices in Lumbini Province.

The Keynote Speaker Mr. Noritada Morita, former Director General of Asian development Bank and well-wisher of Lumbini, shared his insights on linking the local communities' development with the preservation and promotion of Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha. Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Siddharthnagar Municipality and Deputy Mayors from Lumbini Sanskritik, Devadaha, Ramgram and Tilottama shared their ongoing and upcoming policies and programs for the development of areas in their respective Municipalities. The renowned Archaeologist Prof Rabin Canningham highlighted the world heritages sites Lumbini and role of the local Communities in protection and promotion of those sites. Venerable *Bhantes* from Dhammakaya, Thailand, Chairman of Thai-Nepal Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Thai-Nepal Friendship Association, Chairman of Non-Resident Nepali Association, Chairman of Thai-Nepali Association, representatives from Lumbini Development Trust and Nepal Airlines (NA), and prominent scholars and venerable monks also shared their views in promoting Lumbini in Thailand. A total of 45 participants representing various Thai and Nepali institutions took part in the interaction programme that focused on various aspects of Lumbini and ways ahead to promote Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha in the world.

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