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Nepal-Egypt Cooperation in Electricity & Renewable Energy

On March 3, the Ambassador of Nepal to the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Sushil K Lamsal met with the Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy of Egypt, H.E. Eng. Dr. Mohamed Shaker El-Markawi at the latter's office in the New Administrative Capital.

Reflecting on the evolving global energy trade scenario and Egypt's energy supplies, the ambassador said that there was plenty of scope for collaboration between the two countries in the fields of electricity and energy for mutual benefit.

He recalled the visit of then Minister for Power of Egypt, Maher Agaza to Nepal in 1996, during which a bilateral memorandum of understanding on bilateral cooperation in electricity and energy was signed.

Ambassador Lamsal expressed the hope that Nepali engineers would benefit from training in Egyptian facilities as envisaged by the agreement.

Minister El-Markawi said that Egypt would extend full support and assistance to Nepal in sharing its expertise in the fields of electricity and renewable energy and that Nepali personnel would be welcome to attend training programs in Egypt in the future.

The Minister also highlighted the importance of exchanging high-level visits for further advancement of bilateral relations and mutual cooperation.

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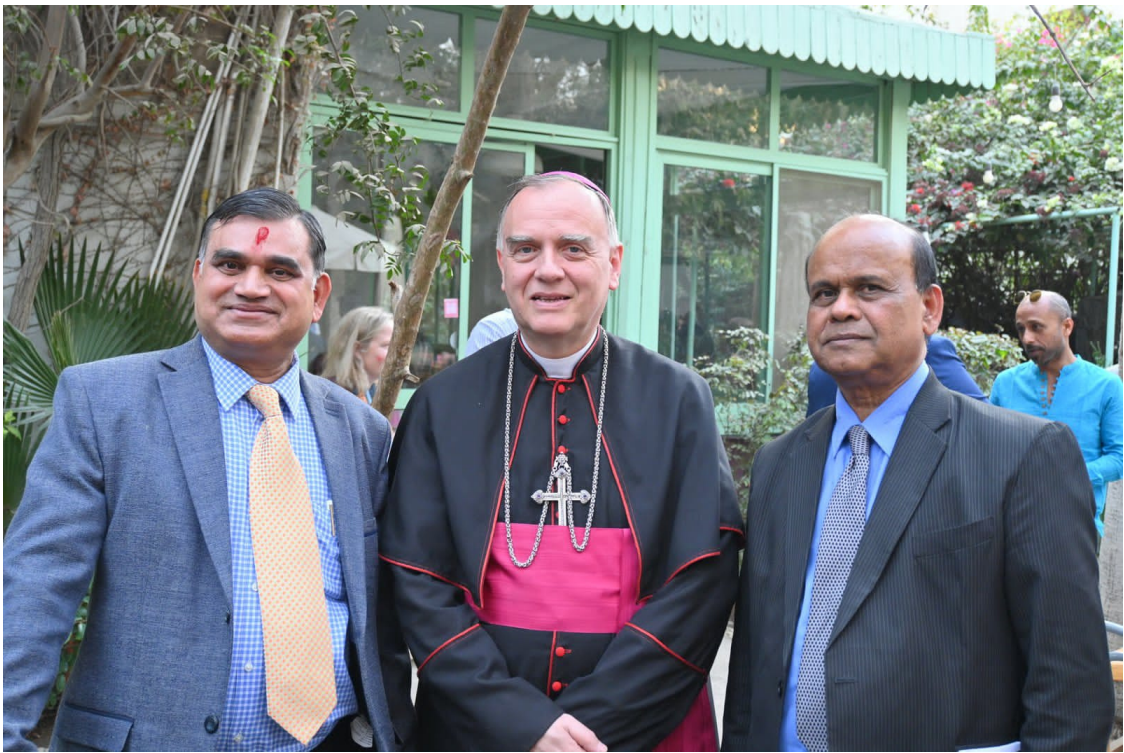
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Nepal Spring Fest 2023

Nepal Spring Fest 2023 was held in the Maadi District of Cairo on March 11, featuring presentations by two prominent Egyptian summiteers of Mt. Everest, cultural performances, Nepali food, yoga lessons, poetry recitation, and Fagu celebrations.

The event started with a dance performance by Nepali children, after which Omar Samra & Sharif Obald, summiteers of Mount Everest from Egypt, shared their experiences in Nepal and encouraged Egyptians to visit the country. Ms. Khushbu Gupta of the World Health Organization gave a practical presentation including yoga practice, and discussed Nepal's contribution to the development of the yoga system, while Abdul Fatteh, an Egyptian ex-ambassador, read the Arabic translation of Lakshmi Prasad Devkota's poem. Fagu Purnima was celebrated and Nepali food was served. The program was attended by ambassadors and diplomats from various countries, journalists, businessmen, and students.





Cultural Exchange Program

The Embassy facilitated a cultural exchange program between visiting Nepali students and the Cairo American College on February 15. Approximately 40 students from Rajashree Gurukul School of Nepal visited the campus of Cairo American College in Maadi, Cairo, and made presentations on Nepal and its culture as well as the impact of climate change in the Himalayan region. The students from both schools formed small groups and interacted with each other, discussing Nepal’s history, culture, and lifestyle. The Nepali students gifted mementos of Nepali handicrafts to their host students.

Speaking on the occasion, the Ambassador highlighted the importance of cultural exchange and mutual understanding among people from diverse backgrounds and urged participating students to build networks and forge friendships with each other as a way to learn from each other. The visiting students were later welcomed at the Residence of the Ambassador.





Nepal-Egypt Economic Cooperation for Mutual Benefit

On March 23, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with Dr. Hoda Galal Yassa, President of the Arab Women Investors Union at her office in Cairo. Welcoming the ambassador, Dr. Hoda made a presentation on the activities of the Union, as well as of the Businesswomen Association for Development (BWD), of which she is the Founder President.

Ambassador Lamsal briefed Dr. Hoda on the opportunities for foreign investment available in Nepal in a variety of sectors including infrastructure, tourism, and hydropower, and expressed the hope that investors from Egypt and other Arab countries would explore the business possibilities in Nepal for mutual benefit.

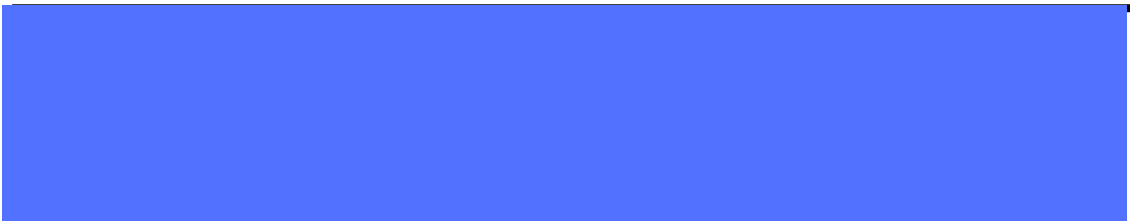
President Dr. Hoda said that businesspeople from both countries should enhance collaboration with each other for mutual benefit, and to this end, she invited the Embassy to organize an interactive session for the members of the Union in Cairo. The event will be held in May this year.



Amb Discusses Cooperation with Suez Governor

The ambassador met with the Governor of Suez, Maj Gen Abdel Maged Sakr at the latter's office near the canal on March 7.

Recalling the long-standing historic relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, the ambassador sought the Governor's assistance in encouraging business enterprises in Suez to explore investment opportunities in Nepal. The ambassador noted that both Nepal and Egypt, including Suez, are major global tourist destinations, and expressed the hope that cooperation in tourism would go a long way in further consolidating bilateral relations, friendship, and mutual cooperation between the two countries. Governor Sakr expressed his readiness to explore further avenues of cooperation between the two countries in trade, tourism, and investment, and to work with the Embassy in bringing the business enterprises of the two countries together for a possible partnership.





Rastriya Prajatantra Diwas Celebration

On the occasion of Rashtriya Prajatantra Diwas on February 19, the Ambassador of Nepal to the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Sushil K Lamsal hoisted the national flag of Nepal at the Embassy premises.

The national anthem of Nepal was played during the flag-hoisting ceremony. The diplomatic officials of the Embassy of Nepal were present at the function.



Everest Summiteer Manal Rostom Visits Embassy

On March 27, the first Egyptian woman to scale Mt Everest, Manal Rostom visited the Embassy and met with Ambassador H.E. Mr. Sushil K Lamsal. Ms. Manal recounted her experience climbing the highest peak on earth, as well as other mountains in Nepal while preparing for the ascent of Mt. Everest.

As one of Egypt's most prominent marathoners & female mountaineers, Manal has achieved many firsts for Arab & Egyptian women. In 2020 she was named "Africa's top 50 most powerful women" by Forbes Africa.

Manal has led an all-women Everest Base Camp trip to raise awareness about tolerance, inclusivity & equality for all women in partnership with Facebook.



Art, Culture and Cuisine at Cairo University

On February 25, the Nepali students of Cairo University Faculty of Medicine, with the assistance of the Embassy, set up a Nepali stall at the Kasr-al Ainy Campus on the occasion of the University's International Day celebration showcasing Nepal's art, culture, and cuisine.

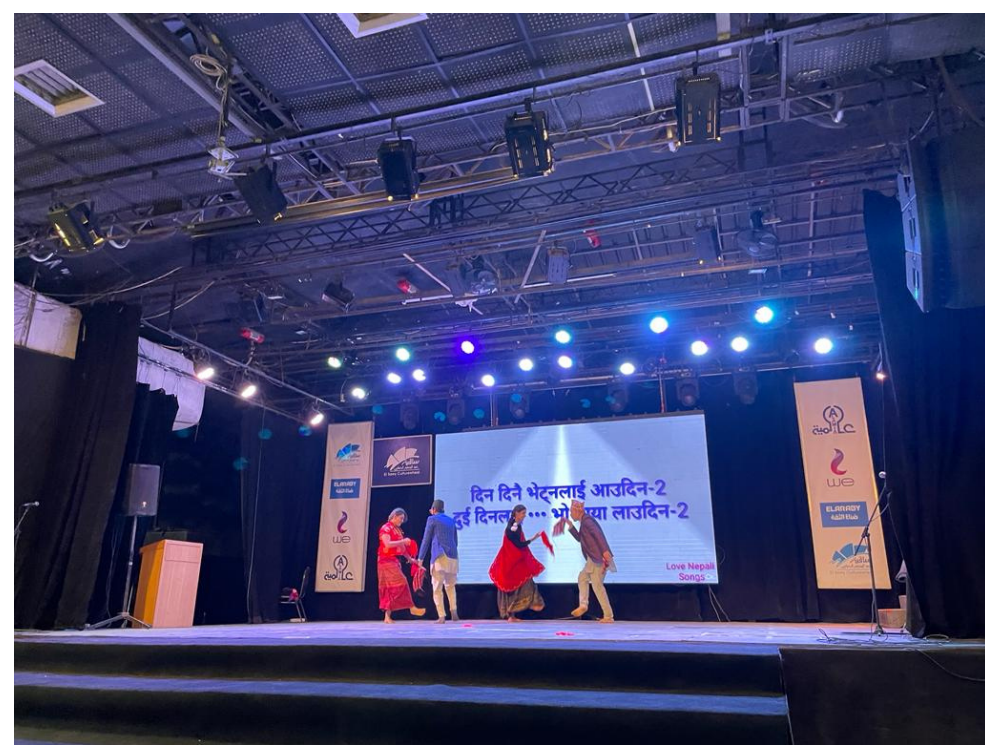
The students also made dance performances at a cultural function held at the University later in the evening. University students from Egypt and other countries visited the Nepali stall and learned about different facets of Nepal's society and culture.





Cultural Promotion in Zamalek, Cairo

With a view to promoting Nepali art, culture, and tourism, the Embassy participated in a two-day cultural exhibition held at the El-Sawy Cultural Wheel in Zamalek, Cairo on February 22-23. A video on Nepal's natural and cultural heritage was played on the occasion. Nepali students made performances reflecting Nepal's cultural diversity.



The stall set up by the Embassy showcased cultural artifacts depicting Pashupatinath and Gautam Buddha and included traditional masks and metal and wooden crafts. Leaflets and posters on Nepal's tourism were distributed.



The event was held at a bustling touristic area by the river Nile in uptown Zamalek and attracted a steady flow of visitors over the two days of the exhibition.

