



# NEWSLETTER

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## **Celebration of National Day**

The National Day and Constitution Day of Nepal was celebrated amidst a Ceremony and Reception organized in Cairo on September 20. Vice-Minister for Tourism of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Her Excellency Ghada Shalaby attended the function as Chief Guest.

In his welcome remarks on the occasion, Ambassador of Nepal to the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Sushil K Lamsal shed light on the historic significance of the day of the promulgation of the constitution in Nepal and said that the day had heralded a new era of peace, stability and progress in the country.

He expressed happiness over the excellent state of Nepal-Egypt relations, and hoped that the ties between the two countries would continue to strengthen in the days ahead. Vice-Minister Shalaby expressed satisfaction over the progress in bilateral relations in recent years and expressed the confidence that the two countries would continue to work together in enhancing cooperation in mutually beneficial sectors like trade, tourism and education.

Egyptian summiteers of Mt. Everest, Manal Rostom and Sharief al-Abd spoke about their experiences of climbing Mt. Everest, as well as the natural and cultural attractions and diversity of Nepal. More than one hundred and twenty participants including former Prime Minister of Egypt, Essam Sharaf, Assistant Foreign Minister Ehab Badawi, government officials, ambassadors and diplomats, artists, students, mediapersons and members of various walks of life in Egypt attended the reception.



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## Minister of Health and Population Basnet in Egypt

Minister of Health and Population Mr. Mohan Bahadur Basnet visited Cairo, Egypt from 4-9 September 2023 to attend the Global Congress on Health, Population and Development (5-8 September) held in the New Administrative Capital of Cairo.

On September 7, Minister Basnet met with the Minister of Health and Population of Egypt, Dr. Khaled Abdel Ghaffar. Minister Mr. Basnet said that the conference had provided the opportunity for the exchange of experience and best practices among participating countries.

Expressing thanks for the scholarship provided by the Egyptian government to Nepal in medicine and other subjects, the Minister expressed his belief that the economic, technical, and people-to-people relations between the two countries would be further strengthened in the coming days.



He expressed satisfaction over the friendly and cooperative relations between Nepal and Egypt and expressed the hope that bilateral cooperation between the two countries would continue to grow in various areas of mutual interest including health and population. Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Population Dr. Bikash Devkota and Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal were present in the meeting.







## Minister Basnet Visits Suez Canal



On September 8, Minister Basnet visited the Suez Canal. The ministerial delegation was welcomed by senior officials of the Suez Canal Authority. Mr. Khaled Taha, Public Relations Manager of the Authority briefed the delegation about the canal's history, development and role in Egypt's economy. Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal was present on the occasion.



## Minister Basnet inspects the Embassy

On September 6, Hon'ble Minister Mr. Mohan Bahadur Basnet participated in an interaction program at the Embassy with Nepali nationals living in Egypt. He described the current priorities and activities of the Ministry of Health and Population and expressed the view that there was a good scope for cooperation between Nepal and Egypt in various fields of mutual interest such as medicine and agriculture.

In the evening, Ambassador Lamsal welcomed the Minister and his delegation at his residence.







## Minister Mahat attends AIIB Board Meeting



Minister for Finance, Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat visited Egypt to attend the AIIB Board of Governors' Meeting held in Sharm el-Sheikh from 25-26 September. Addressing the annual meeting on September 25, he called for coordination and collaboration between multilateral development partners and international organizations for financing development projects in low and middle income countries.

Dr. Mahat expressed the hope that AIIB would be able to provide concessional finance to least developed countries like Nepal to support their development endeavors. He said that AIIB should explore innovative financing modalities such as public-private partnerships, green bonds, blended finance and climate finance.



From September 22-24, Dr. Mahat visited Cairo en-route to Sharm el-Sheikh and inspected the Embassy on September 23. Ambassador Lamsal briefed him about the activities of the Embassy.







## Ambassador Meets Minister Suha



Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with Minister for Emigration and Egyptians Expatriate Affairs, Ms. Suha El-Gendi at her office in the New Administrative Capital on September 4, 2023.

Highlighting the close, cordial and cooperative relations between Nepal and Egypt, the Ambassador sought the Minister's assistance in promoting bilateral cooperation particularly in tourism and education. He noted Nepal's visa on-arrival facility for Egyptian passport holders, and said that a similar provision for Nepali nationals would support greater people-to-people exchanges and cooperation between the two countries.

Minister Suha El-Gendi said that Egypt and Nepal were linked with extended constructive and cooperative ties within the framework of the United Nations and its different organisations, as well as international forums and Non-Aligned Movement.

She highlighted Egypt's keenness to consolidate co-operation with Nepal in the tourism, health and cultural sectors. The minister noted that a proposal would be made to the relevant authorities to issue Nepali citizens with e-visas to visit Egypt.

Minister Suha El-Gendi noted the presence of Nepali students at Al-Azhar University and said that Nepali students would continue to receive the support and assistance of Egyptian government as they always had.





## Ambassador Meets with Chairman of Egyptian Engineers' Association



On October 7, Ambassador met with Engg. Osama Kamal, Chairman of Egyptian Engineers' Association in Cairo. Mr. Kamal is former Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources of Egypt. The Chairman and office-bearers of the Association welcomed the ambassador, and briefed him about its history, role and current activities.

Present on the occasion were Dr. Farooq Al-Hakeem, General Secretary, Dr Mustafa Shaban, Vice-Chairman, Dr. Mu'atz Talabat, Treasurer Dean of the Higher Institute of Engineering at Al-Shoroq Academy, and Dr. Waleed Khedrawi, Chairman of the Engineering Committee and member of the Youth Committee of the Association of Engineers.

During the meeting, discussions were held on enhancing cooperation between the Nepal and Egypt in the field of training Nepali engineers on smart city applications, digital transformation, clean energy and sustainable systems.







## Visit to the Headquarters of National Youth Council



On August 23, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with Dr. Wael Tanahy, Vice-Chair of the National Youth Council to explore the possibilities of promoting youth exchanges and cooperation between Nepal and Egypt.

The ambassador briefed the Vice-Chair on the activities of the Embassy aimed at reaching out to Egypt's youth, and proposed joint activities between the Embassy and the Council to promote mutual understanding and better appreciation of each other's cultures, lifestyles and traditions.

Dr. Wael said that the Council would be happy to support initiatives aimed at promoting greater people-to-people exchanges between the two countries, especially among the youth.







## Inauguration of Exhibition on Nobel Laureate Naguib Mahfouz



Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal inaugurated a cartoon exhibition entitled 'In Love with Naguib Mahfouz' jointly with Dr. Walid Kanoush, Head of the Cultural Development Fund Sector, and cartoonist Mostafa Elshekh, Head of the Egyptian Caricature Association, in Cairo on August 27.



The exhibition coincided with the 17th death anniversary of the Nobel Prize-winning Egyptian novelist Naguib Mahfouz.

On display at the exhibition were 48 artworks by a number of caricaturists from around the world, including one by a Nepali cartoonist.







Dashain was celebrated at the Residence of the Ambassador on October 24, 2023. Around 200 persons, including members of the Nepali community comprising of students, professionals and migrant workers, and foreign friends, attended.



# Celebration Dashain 2080







# National Day 2080

