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Nepal and Egypt Look for Bilateral Cooperation in Youth and Sports

On January 14, 2024, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with Minister of Youth and Sports Dr. Ashraf Sobhy at the New Administrative Capital in Cairo. The ambassador recalled an earlier meeting with the Minister, together with Asian ambassadors to Egypt, at a briefing about the Ministry's activities and future plans on August 28, 2022.

During the briefing, Minister Ashraf had welcomed proposals for concluding bilateral agreements for enabling cooperation in the fields of youth and sports. The Ministry of Youth and Sports of Nepal has prepared a draft MoU and its draft was shared with the Minister during the meeting.

The ambassador said that he had noted a growing interest among Egyptian people, especially the young people, on exploring adventure sports and activities in Nepal,



and that Nepal welcomed greater collaboration on facilitating exchanges in those fields and other sectors of youth and sports.

Minister Ashraf Sobhy stated that his Ministry was keen on forging deeper collaboration with Nepal in youth exchanges and sports and assured that his Ministry would work on finalizing the memorandum soon.

The MoU seeks to promote bilateral cooperation in youth exchanges, youth camps, festivals and carnivals, and training and attachment programs for sportspeople, among others.



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Ambassador Meets with Egypt's Minister of Health and Population

The Ambassador of Nepal to the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Sushil K Lamsal met with the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Population, H.E. Mr. Khaled Abdel Gaffar at the latter's office at the New Administrative Capital of Cairo on January 22, 2024.

Matters relating to bilateral relations and cooperation in the sectors of health and population were discussed during the occasion.

Ambassador Lamsal handed over a letter from Hon'ble Minister of Health and Population of Nepal, Mr. Mohan Bahadur Basnet expressing his thanks for the hospitality and cooperation extended to him during the Global Congress on Population, Health and Development held in Cairo in September 2023.

The Egyptian leader expressed his deep appreciation for the participation in the Congress by the Nepali delegation under the leadership of Minister Basnet, and said that the Congress had provided an opportunity for participants to better appreciate the challenges faced by developing countries in important health and population sector issues.

The Minister said that Egypt looked forward to deepening mutually beneficial relations between the two countries, especially in the health and population sectors, and called for regular exchanges of professionals for mutual learning and sharing of best practices.

Ambassador Lamsal said that many Nepali students were currently studying in Egyptian universities, and expressed his sincere thanks for the support extended to them in the country. He hoped that health and medical professionals from both countries would continue to benefit from mutual collaboration, including through participation in the conferences held in Egypt.



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Meeting with Chairman of Egypt Expo and Convention Authority (EECA)



On January 16, the ambassador met with the Chairman of Egypt Expo and Convention Authority (EECA) General Sherif El-Mawardy at his office in Nasr City. The Chairman said that the Ministry of Trade and Commerce and Egypt Expo and Convention Authority (EECA) would be organizing Cairo International Fair EECA EXPO 2024 from 29th February till 9th March, 2024 at Cairo International Convention Center.

EECA seeks to attract a large number of countries and participants representing relevant industrial, commercial and technological sectors. The ambassador requested the Chairman for EECA's support in facilitating the participation of Nepali entrepreneurs in the upcoming Expo.

The Chairman said that the Authority would extend all possible support to Nepali businessmen for enhancing mutually beneficial trade cooperation, including participation in the expo. The Embassy is coordinating with TEPC and Federation of Export Entrepreneurs of Nepal (FEEN) to explore the possibility of participation by Nepali companies in the expo.





Interaction with Businesspeople



On January 17, 2024, the Embassy organized a briefing for a group of Egyptian entrepreneurs regarding the Third Investment Summit being held in Kathmandu on April 28-29, 2024.

Welcoming the participants at the embassy, the ambassador spoke about the opportunities for investment in Nepal for Egyptian businesspeople in sectors like mines, tourism, IT and hydropower and urged them to attend the upcoming summit.



He answered the queries of the participants on various matters including the investment climate, the incentives and facilities given to foreign investors, and market access for Nepal-produced products in the neighboring countries. Around a dozen entrepreneurs representing manufacturing companies took part in the program.



Promotional Event at Children's Park



The Embassy took part in the Fifth Forum for the Puppet and Traditional Dolls organized by the National Center for Children's Culture, at the Children's Cultural Garden in Sayyida Zeinab in Cairo on December 19, 2023.

Dr. Hisham Azmy, Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of Culture inaugurated the Forum and the exhibition of paintings by children who won the competition of "Aragoz (the puppet) in the Eyes of Alpha Generation", and an International Handmade Toy Exhibition.

The ceremony included various artistic performances, including poems, performances, and Puppet performances.





Passport and Consular Camp in Jordan

The Embassy organized a passport camp in Amman, Jordan from January 9-12, 2024. Third Secretary Madhab Raj Kafle provided passport and consular services to a total of 79 persons at the camp.



Nepali nationals employed in the textile factories at the Al-Hassan Industril Estate in the Jordan Valley area including Classic Fashion Apparel Industry, as well as domestic workers and in international organizations including the UN availed of the services provided in the camp.

The passports for which biometrics were collected at the camp have been issued and dispatched to Jordan in early February.

Online Meeting with FEEN



To explore the possibilities of promoting exports from Nepal to Egypt, an interactive seminar was hosted virtually between the Embassy and the Federation of Export Entrepreneurs of Nepal (FEEN) on January 23.

Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal briefed the FEEN office-bearers on the activities being carried out by the Embassy to enhance Nepal's exports to the Middle East market, including Egypt, and urged Nepali entrepreneurs to take part in the trade fairs held in Cairo.

Shankar Pande, President of FEEN, spoke about the Nepali products with propects for exports in Egypt, and assured that the federation was working on exploring the Egyptian market. Other office-bearers of FEEN took part in the interactions.