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## Five Nepal Football Coaches leave for Training in Japan

The Government of Japan has invited a team of five Nepalese football coaches to Japan under the "SPORT FOR TOMORROW" scheme. The invitation aims at improving the invitees' techniques and management skills, thus upgrading Nepal's potential international competition level in this popular sport. The Nepalese football coaches have left for Japan on 12<sup>th</sup> June and will participate in a training program from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June.

"SPORT FOR TOMORROW" is an international contribution through sport initiative led by the Japanese government and jointly implemented by the private and public sectors, including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan. This initiative will promote sport among more than 10 million people in over 100 nations until 2020, the year when Tokyo will host the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. It aims to develop values within sport and promote the Olympic and Paralympics movement to people worldwide and of all generations.

Earlier the Japan Football Association (JFA) dispatched a national football coach, Mr. Gyotoku Koji, and a technical director, Mr. Takeda Chiaki, to All Nepal Football Association (ANFA) with the aim to promoting and upgrading the level of football in Nepal. With the Japanese coaches, it is acknowledged Nepalese football players and coaches improved day-by-day, leading them to have good matches at some regional tournaments. Mr. Takeda will supervise the Nepalese coaches in their participation in this program in Japan.

The Embassy of Japan wishes to highlight the spirit of the forthcoming Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo in 2020, which is equality beyond borders, nationality and culture. In that same spirit, we are pleased to support Nepal's enthusiasm to strengthen unity through these sporting activities. We also envisage this visit of Nepalese athletes to Japan will further enhance the cordial relations and mutual understanding between the peoples of Japan and Nepal.

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