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### **Media representatives visit Bhattedada and Tribhuvan International Airport to get updated on aviation-related projects by the Government of Japan**

1992 saw two catastrophic air accidents, in which a Thai Airways plane and a Pakistan International Airlines plane clashed in a very short interval. Responding to a strong desire of the Government of Nepal that such accidents shall not be repeated, the Government of Japan, since 1994, has been implementing various projects to improve the safety of Nepal's air space. These include grant projects, technical cooperation projects and the dispatching of Japanese experts.

Upon the completion of the Tribhuvan International Airport Modernization Project (surveillance system), two cutting-edge radars were installed at Bhattedada and Tribhuvan International Airport. These radars can monitor most of the Nepali skies and also help the controllers gain precise information about the position and identification of aircrafts in flight. Thanks to these radars, Nepal's air safety is expected to dramatically improve.

The radar flight inspection having completed in last November, formal operation of these radars will start in February 2018. Prior to the formal operation, the Embassy of Japan, with the cooperation of JICA and CAAN, held a site visit to Bhattedada and Tribhuvan International Airport so that the local media representatives shall deepen their understanding of the aviation-related projects conducted by the Government of Japan. Approximately thirty media representatives from twenty five media companies participated in the site visit. H. E. Mr. Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan, was also present.

Over the years, the Government of Japan has been implementing aviation-related projects in partnership with the Government of Nepal. The Embassy of Japan will continue to work to further improve Nepal's air safety.

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