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### **Japan's Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nakayama Visits Nepal**

(Kathmandu, 17<sup>th</sup> January) Mr. NAKAYAMA Norihiro, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan visited Nepal on a two-day official visit from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020. During the visit, Mr. Nakayama paid courtesy calls on the Right Hon'ble President Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari, the Right Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. K P Sharma Oli and Hon'ble Mr. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

They exchanged views of mutual interest and cordial relations between the two countries, which has been in place since bilateral relations were established in 1956. Recalling Right Hon'ble President Mrs. Bhandari's visit to Japan to attend the Ceremonies of the Enthronement of the Emperor last October, Mr. Nakayama expressed that recent increase in bilateral exchanges between Japan and Nepal is further enhancing the long-standing friendly relationship.

Mr. Nakayama visited the project sites supported by Japan, one of them is Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital at Thapathali, which was under the 'Program on Rehabilitation and Recovery from the Nepal Earthquake in 2015' and completed in May 2019. He also visited Tribhuvan International Airport which Japan supported under the "Project for Improvement of Aviation Safety Facilities in Major Airports" to improve the safety and efficiency of air transport in Nepal. Furthermore, Mr. Nakayama observed Kathmandu Durbar Square where two Japanese cultural heritage advisors are engaged in reconstructing cultural heritages damaged by the earthquake in 2015. He also met some academicians.

Likewise, Mr. Nakayama attended the promotional event of Visit Nepal Year 2020 (VNY 2020) organized by the Embassy of Japan. Prior to the event, Mr. Nakayama had a meeting with Hon. Mr. Yogesh Kumar Bhattarai, Minister for Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation and wished for the grand success of VNY 2020.

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