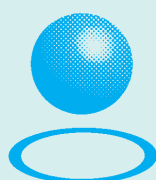




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Message



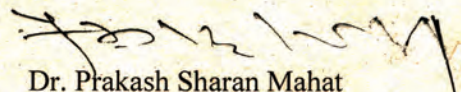
It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the Embassy of Japan in Kathmandu is bringing out the commemorative publication incorporating summaries and photographs of events which have been organized to mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two friendly countries- Nepal and Japan. I hope this publication will help further consolidate our age-old ties reflecting the glimpses of this grand celebration and bring all the sweet memories together for future reference.

In the history of Nepal-Japan relations, the year 1956 is significant as our two friendly countries started the formal journey of diplomatic relations and friendship. We have successfully completed 60 years of our relationships and continue this endeavor towards augmenting mutual support and cooperation for peace, progress and prosperity in future. Over the past six decades, Nepal and Japan have witnessed enhanced level of goodwill, understanding, trust, bond of friendship and cooperation.

Japan has always remained as one of the largest and reliable development partners of Nepal. Japanese cooperation in diverse sectors of Nepali economy has played crucial role in socio-economic transformation of Nepal. The Government and people of Nepal highly value the Japanese support and cooperation to Nepal in the aftermath of devastating earthquake that hit Nepal in 2015 and subsequent reconstruction drive of Nepal in the adversely affected areas. This is the testimony of intimate and strong bond of friendship between our two countries and people.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Embassy of Japan in Kathmandu for this publication. I wish all success for the publication.

May Nepal-Japan relations grow from strength to strength!


Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat
Minister for Foreign Affairs

**Address by Mr. Nobuo Kishi, State Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Japan**

**On the occasion of the ceremony for the 60th Anniversary of the
Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Nepal**

Kathmandu, Nepal, September 1, 2016



**The Right Honourable Prime Minister Dahal,
The Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs Mahat,
The Honourable Minister for Information and Communications Karki,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good morning and Namaskar,

At the outset, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Nepal. I came to Nepal seven years ago, as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defence, and it is a great pleasure and honour to be able to make a return today, to attend this ceremony for our 60th anniversary hosted by the Government of Nepal.

Ever since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1956, Japan and Nepal have built an excellent cordial relationship through exchanges in every field, including economy, culture and tourism.

Nepal is well known to Japanese people for the beautiful and glorious Himalayas. Many Japanese tourists visit Nepal, and they are impressed by the magnificent nature, beautiful cities and villages as well as the warm hospitality of the people of Nepal. Likewise, Nepal has become so familiar to us that the “Nepal Festival 2016” held in Tokyo this August, led by resident Nepalese, turned out to be a great success with more than 200,000 participants. The friendship between the two countries has been nurtured in histories of the relations among people, and the tie is becoming more solid year by year.

Japan attaches great importance to the role Nepal can play in the stability and development in the region. We are committed to develop and broaden our bilateral relations. We will continue to support Nepal’s development of infrastructure, which provides the foundation for our future relationship, and we will also expand cooperation in the field of socio-economic development.

It is based on this policy that we exchanged the notes between the two Governments yesterday, concerning Japanese grant assistance on the “Project for Improvement of Aviation Safety Facilities in Major Airports” amounting to 1.45 billion yen (14 million USD) and on the “School Sector Development Program” amounting to 300 million yen (3 million USD). Japan will contribute to improve aviation safety and encourage high quality education in Nepal. Furthermore, the Government of Japan intends to provide ODA loan of around over 16 billion yen (157 million USD) for a Tunnel Construction Project as the first tunnel project in Nepal.

We have a history of helping each other, as we both live in counties with many earthquakes. On the Great East Japan Earthquake, Japan received 5,000 blankets from the people of Nepal, and resident Nepalese in Japan provided curry dishes in disaster-stricken areas.

Following the Nepal earthquake last year, Japan seamlessly provided assistance, extending from emergency and humanitarian assistance to that of recovery and reconstruction. We will continue to cooperate closely with the Government of Nepal to achieve as early reconstruction as possible, with an aim to “Build Back Better” from the earthquake disaster.

Yesterday, I personally visited the Kathmandu Durbar Square, and recognised the importance of the need for early restoration of the cultural heritage, as it rests at the heart and soul of the people of Nepal, while serving as valuable resource for tourism.

Based on the lessons from our experience as earthquake countries, we would like to work together to reach our common goal of becoming more resilient countries, which are well prepared against natural disasters.

In Japan, we celebrate the 60th birthday as “kanreki,” as the turning point in his or her life. This is to celebrate the end of the first cycle of life as well as the beginning of another chapter in his or her life. Today, I am delighted to be able to renew our determination towards the next 60 years of our bilateral relations.

In closing, I sincerely hope that our friendly ties between the people of the two countries would be further strengthened through by commemorative events scheduled to take place in our two countries this year.

Thank you and Dhanyavaad.

AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN
PANIPOKHARI
KATHMANDU



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पानीपोखरी
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Message



I take this opportunity to extend warm greetings to the friendly people of Nepal on the occasion of the publication of a commemorative supplement featuring the 60th anniversary of Japan-Nepal relations and cooperation.

On 1st September 2016, the Government of Nepal generously hosted a commemorative ceremony in Kathmandu to recognize our Diamond Jubilee. This grand ceremony was graced by the Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal; Hon'ble Foreign Minister, Dr Prakash Sharan Mahat; Hon'ble Minister of Information and Communication, Mr. Surendra Kumar Karki, and other high-ranking Nepalese officials. The Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Nobuo Kishi represented the people and the Government of Japan at the event.

My Embassy and many like minded organizations have successfully organized a series of commemorative programs throughout the anniversary year. Programs include two concerts by world famous jazz player Mr. Sadao Watanabe, a friendly football match between the Nepalese national team and a Japanese professional team, and a Japanese Festival which introduced the foods and cultures of Japan. My very sincere appreciation goes to the Government of Nepal, and the other organizers and collaborators who made all the commemorative events so highly successful.

Major historical events took place in 2015 in Nepal, including the Gorkha Earthquake and the promulgation of the new constitution. In the coming days, I hope to see Nepal's domestic politics become more stable and the elections carried out without much delay. We trust it will help Nepal to become a more matured democracy and get on track for sustainable economic development.

Other than supporting post-quake reconstruction, Japan has recently decided to extend its assistance to such areas as aviation safety in major local airports and the school sector. Further, I am happy to say that the Nagdhunga-Naubise project will improve road transportation by constructing Nepal's first tunnel road. We will also implement a project to supply clean drinking water to the people of Pokhara. Continuing our assistance, started six decades ago, and as a true friend of Nepal, Japan will carry on supporting the people of Nepal in their sincere efforts toward democratization and socio-economic development.

I hope readers will get an idea as to how Japan and Nepal celebrated the Diamond Jubilee Year through this commemorative publication. I have no doubt that this will greatly contribute to deepening the knowledge and interest of readers in Japan-Nepal relations and cooperation. I sincerely wish cordial ties between us will go from strength to strength in the years ahead.

Masashi Ogawa
Ambassador of Japan to Nepal

Major Programs Organized in Nepal to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Nepal

The first contact Japan and Nepal had with each other was through the Reverend Ekai Kawaguchi who was travelling to Tibet via Nepal in 1899. Other early relations between the two countries include the dispatch of eight Nepalese students to Japan in 1902 during the Rana regime.

But it was on 1st September, 1956 when Japan and Nepal, as sovereign states, established their formal diplomatic relationship. 1956 is also the year when the world's first-ever conquest of Manaslu by a Japanese team took place. The summiting of the mountain lifted the spirits of the Japanese people after their defeat in WWII. And so Nepal became deeply engraved in the hearts of the Japanese people by this historic mountaineering feat.

Today Japan and Nepal, as free, democratic societies share common ideas such as the peaceful resolution to international conflicts. Both countries share common stances on most of the important international issue, and as such Japan and Nepal now enjoy a friendly and collaborative relationship. Also based on the multi-faceted mutual interactions that took place in the past between the two countries, such as in the areas of business/ economy, culture, and education, the relationship today is at an all time high.

The year 2016 marked the 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Nepal. The Governments of Japan and Nepal, Embassies of Japan and Nepal in respective countries, and many other like-minded organizations organized a number of cultural, educational, sporting, and other programs in both countries throughout the year to celebrate this joyous occasion.

In this Diamond Jubilee publication, we are highlighting some of the programs organised in Nepal during 2016.

The 60th Anniversary Special Commemorative Ceremony

To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Nepal, the Government of Nepal organized a special commemorative program on 1st September, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kathmandu.

This grand ceremony was graced by the Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal; Hon'ble Foreign Minister, Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat; Hon'ble

Minister of Information and Communication, Mr. Surendra Kumar Karki, and other high-ranking Nepalese officials. The Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Nobuo Kishi represented the people and the Government of Japan at the event. To bring a more Japanese flavor to the occasion, a Japanese drum performance was given by the Akafujidaiko Band.





Japanese Film Festival in Kathmandu

The Embassy of Japan and JALTAN jointly organized a two-day Japanese Film Festival in Kathmandu on 22nd and 23rd January, 2016. The purpose behind the festival was to introduce Japan and its culture to Nepalese people.

The film festival was dedicated to showcase the finest Japanese films that have been recognized for excellence by Japanese as well as international audiences and the Japanese Film Academy. The films covered popular genres such as historical and contemporary dramas, animation, etc. The festival was a great success and attracted almost 2,600 viewers to the five screenings.





Japan Education Fair

The Embassy of Japan, in association with the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) and Japanese Universities Alumni Association Nepal (JUAAN), organized the 9th Japan Education Fair on 13th February, 2016 at the Yak & Yeti Hotel, Kathmandu. The Fair is organized every year to promote study in Japan by providing Nepalese students and educators with authentic information about Japanese higher education and research so as to help the students choose an appropriate university and achieve their academic pursuits.

The Fair offered face-to-face consultations for students who want to study in Japan and provided information about scholarship provisions, procedures for scholarship applications, selection of university, entrance examinations, university rankings, ways to find a research adviser, and Japanese lifestyle. There was also a chance to listen to presentations given by representatives from each university and Japanese language schools, gain general information for studying in Japan from JASSO, and receive an explanation of

Japanese Government Scholarships from the Embassy of Japan.

Leading Japanese universities, namely Tohoku University, Kumamoto University, Osaka University, Shimane University, Yamanashi Gakuin University, Keio University, Waseda University, Teikyo University, Ritsumeikan University, and Nihon Wellness Sports University took part in the Fair. Some 920 students and educational administrators attended the event.





Japanese Language Speech Contest

The Japanese Language Teachers' Association Nepal (JALTAN), in cooperation with, and with support from the Japan Foundation, organized the 35th Japanese Language Speech Contest in Kathmandu on 20th February. The aim of the contest is to provide Japanese language learners with the chance to showcase their language skills in front of their peers, thereby promoting Japanese language in Nepal.

A total of eighteen Japanese language students, including seven in the junior and 11 in senior group, participated in the contest. The contestants showcased a wide range of speeches before the panel of judges and an encouraging audience. Participants were evaluated on their performance, as well as on grammar, delivery, pronunciation, response to questions, and attitude.

Mr. Shinya Machida, Charge d'Affaires a.i. of Japan handed over the prizes and certificates to the winners and participants in the Speech Contest.



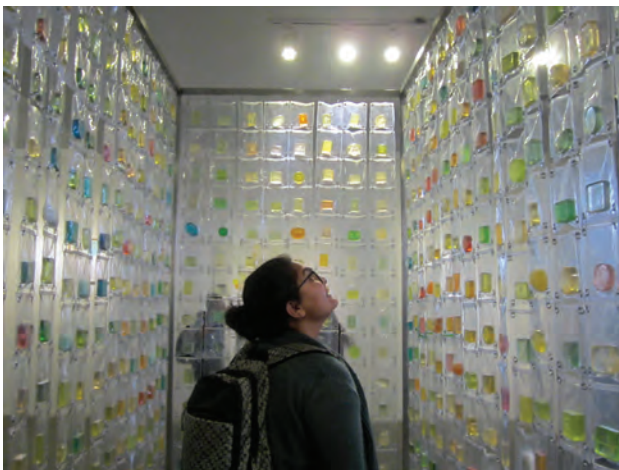
Passage to the Future: Art from a New Generation in Japan

The Embassy of Japan and the Japan Foundation organized an exhibition entitled "**Passage to the Future: Art from a New Generation in Japan**" at the Nepal Art Council Gallery, Babarmahal, Kathmandu from 27th February to 8th March 2016. Hon'ble Mr. Ananda Prasad Pokharel, Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation inaugurated the exhibition.

This exhibition presented paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, and video works by eleven Japanese artists who responded in a similar way through their work to the current state of the world. Taking their

subject matter from their immediate surroundings they created art that strongly reflected their own personal reality. Their work had a rich visual impact and revealed a strong interest in the process of creating things.

The Japanese and Nepalese people share values of contemporary art and traditional culture, and the exhibits in the show were highlights of some of them. The exhibition allowed viewers to experience the freshness and variety of current Japanese art and, provided an opportunity for renewed thinking and debate about the fundamental appeal and meaning of art. About 1,000 art lovers visited the gallery during the 12-day long exhibition.





National Seminar on "Six Decades of Japanese Cooperation: Special Reference to Agricultural Development in Nepal"

JICA Alumni Association of Nepal (JAAN) organized its 42nd annual function and a one-day national seminar on "Six Decades of Japanese Cooperation: Special Reference to Agricultural Development in Nepal" on 11th March, 2016 at Hotel Annapurna, Kathmandu.

The Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli was the Chief Guest, and H.E. Mr. Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan was the Guest of Honor at the program.





Japanese Karaoke Competition

On 12th March 2016, JALTAN and the Embassy of Japan successfully organized a Japanese karaoke competition at the Tribhuvan Army Officers' Club with 33 participants. The competition was jointly supported by JICA Nepal Office; the Japanese Association in Nepal; the Japanese Universities Alumni Association, Nepal (JUAAN); JICA Alumni Association of Nepal (JAAN), and the Nepal AOTS Alumni Society (NAAS). The competition was organized with the purpose of introducing Japanese culture to Nepalese people and drew a wide range of participants from the general public and Japanese language learners.

With an audience of more than 750, the auditorium was filled with an atmosphere of energy, enthusiasm and anticipation, with all the participants managing to impress the audience with songs of their choice. Ms. Sunita Thapa Magar from the Asian Language Institute came first in the competition.

Ambassador Mr. Masashi Ogawa and Madame Ogawa attended the event and commented on the impressive performances by the participants, expressing best wishes for their future efforts in mastering the Japanese language.





Jazz Concert: SATOH Masahiko & NoModismo

On 26th March, a jazz concert featuring “**SATOH Masahiko & NoModismo**” was organized by the Embassy of Japan and the Japan Foundation at the Tribhuvan Army Officers’ Club. The concert showcased jazz music harmonizing with different melodies. The musicians consisted of four members, Mr. Masahiko Satoh on keyboard, Mr. Keisuke Ohta on violin, Mr. Yoichi Okabe on percussion and Ms. Akiko Uesugi on vocals.

In the second half of the program two Nepali musicians, Mr. Ravin Lal Shrestha on tabala and Mr. Suresh Raj Bajracharya on sarod, joined the concert. The different instruments succeeded one another until they ultimately came together in unison, with the diversity of style

and composition of techniques catching the hearts of the audience. The vibrations of the music and songs were enjoyed by about 800 people who appreciated the performances with regular applause.

On 27th March, a music workshop was held at the Embassy Hall. On that day 40 musicians participated. All the artists played their instruments and singers sang with a new timbre during the musical session. Mr. Masahiko Satoh, who is a renowned jazz pianist, composer and arranger, directed a new melody with different musical instruments. The participants commented that “this event is very memorable because there are musicians of different genres altogether in one place, creating an amazing musical fusion”.





Press Tour to Japanese ODA Projects

The Embassy of Japan and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) organized a 2-day Press Tour to Japan's ODA Projects in Dhading and Sindhupalchowk districts on 18th and 19th April, 2016. Representatives from major broadsheet dailies, television channels, radio channels, and officials from the Embassy and JICA took part in the tour program.

On the first day, the team travelled from Kathmandu to Naubise and Pinda in Dhading to visit two schools and observed the recently rehabilitated schools and interacted with the teachers, school management and students.

On the second day the team observed the Holse-Chautara Drinking Water Project, District Agriculture Office and District Women and Children Office, at Chautara and

interacted with respective office chiefs and were briefed on the ongoing building construction and plans for constructing a number of agriculture sub-centers and on the support for improvement of vegetable, potato and maize farming in the district.

Almost all the participants from the media expressed that the information updates, and information gained at the press tour were praiseworthy and that they would disseminated the facts to their Nepalese audiences through their respective media networks.

The participants were curious and enthusiastic to know about Japanese support in the post-earthquake rehabilitation. Some of them were trying to compare the progress and process of support with that provided by other agencies. Most of the local people in the areas visited appreciated JICA's quick response in post-quake reconstruction.





Nepal Earthquake Reconstruction Baseball Tournament

The Nepal Baseball Federation and Nepal Baseball Club Laligurans, a Japanese NPO promoting baseball in Nepal, organized a 3-day Nepal Earthquake Reconstruction Baseball Tournament at the Tundikhel, Kathmandu from 23rd to 25th April, 2016. One Japanese and six Nepalese teams participated in the tournament.

The tournament was organized to provide psychological rehabilitation to Nepalese children traumatized by the devastating earthquakes of April and May 2015. The proceeds from the entrance tickets were used for this purpose.



6th Japanese Language Speech Contest

The 6th Japanese Language Speech Contest was held in Kathmandu on 16th July, hosted by the South Asian Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Associations (SAFJUAA). Participants from South Asian countries, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka, took part in the contest.

SAFJUAA, aiming to establish links among Japanese scholars' associations in South Asia, was established on 6th April 2005 by the signing of a Charter by member associations at the Reunion of Former Students of Japan.

SAFJUAA has been organizing the Japanese Language Speech Contest in Kathmandu since 2009. Five students each in senior and junior categories took part in the contest. Ms. S.K.D. Lalanga Praneedhi Senarath from Sri Lanka and Mr. Utkarsh Dave from India came first in the senior and junior categories respectively.





Nepal Chamber Expo 2016

The Nepal Chamber of Commerce organized an Expo in Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu from 23rd to 27th September, 2016. The Rt. Hon'ble Nanda Bahadur Pun, Vice-President, inaugurated the exposition. H.E. Mr. Kotaro Nagasaki, Member of Parliament, Government of Japan; H.E. Mr. Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan, and Mr. Naindra Prasad Upadhyaya, Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce also attended the inauguration ceremony.

On the second day of the expo, the Chamber organized a Walkathon from the Chamber Office in Kantipath to Basantapur. About 300 dignitaries including the Supply Minister, Mr. Deepak Bohora; Commerce Secretary, Mr. Naindra Prasad Upadhyaya, and Ambassador Ogawa took part in the Walkathon.





Talk Program on Nepal-Japan Relations: Enhancing Closer Cooperation

The International Concern Center (ICC) organized a talk program on Nepal-Japan Relations: Enhancing Closer Cooperation on 26th September 2016 at the Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza.

Mr. Jun Sakuma, Chief Representative of JICA; Dr Kedar Bhakta Mathema, former Vice-Chancellor of Tribhuvan University; Dr Madan Kumar Bhattarai, Foreign Affairs Advisor to the President; H.E.

Mr. Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan, and Hon'ble Surendra Kumar Karki, Minister for Information and Communication spoke on Japan-Nepal relations and cooperation.

Hon'ble K.P. Sharma Oli, UML Chairman and former Prime Minister was the Chief Guest of the program which was chaired by Dr. Anjan Shakya, Chairperson of the International Concern Center.





Sadao Watanabe Jazz Concert in Kathmandu

On 22nd and 23rd October, the Embassy of Japan organized a jazz concert at the Tribhuvan Army Officers' Club, Kathmandu, entitled, "Sadao Watanabe Jazz Concert", to celebrate the 60th anniversary. The concert showcased jazz with different melodies. The band headed by Mr. Sadao Watanabe (saxophone), a legendary and world famous jazz icon from Japan, comprised of artists Akira Onozuka (keyboard), Takashi Yofu (guitar), Koichi Osamu (bass), Masaharu Ishikawa (drums) and N'diasse Niang (percussion).

VIP guests, including Ambassadors and representatives from diplomatic missions in Nepal, high level government officials, and renowned artists, were invited for the concert on the first day. The vibration of jazz music was enjoyed by an audience of around 1,800 over the two days. The diversity of the melody and the music composition caught the hearts of the audience who enthusiastically enjoyed and appreciated the world class performances.

On 24th October, the artists visited the Gyan Bijay Secondary School at Bhaktapur and the Kathmandu Jazz Conservatory at Patan for a cultural exchange program with students of the respective schools. Students enjoyed the music sessions with the Japanese artists and commented that "this event is very memorable for us as great artists are in our school, and it will be an unbelievable memory".





World Peace through Mandala in Nepal

The Nepal Council for Preservation of Buddhism Religion (NCPBR), in collaboration with NPO M21 Network, Tokyo, organized the Exhibition of the World's Largest Thangka (Peace Mandala) on 11th/12th, 19th/20th, and 25th/26th November in Kathmandu, Pokhara and Lumbini, respectively. The theme of the exhibition was World Peace through Mandala.

The thanka was made to depict the life cycle of Lord Buddha, which is traditionally summarized in the

twelve deeds that he performed from his birth until he reached nirvana.

The size of the thanka is 70m. x 50m., the largest ever made. It is equally divided into 81 pieces (7.7 x 5.5 meters) and weighs more than 1,900 kilograms. It took eight years and more than 10,000 volunteers from 16 different countries (Nepal, Japan, USA, Korea, France, UK, etc.) to complete the thanka.





Symposium on Animal Health and Reproduction

The Faculty of Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Fisheries of the Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU) organized a symposium on Animal Health and Reproduction in Bharatpur, Chitwan on 18th November, 2016. Some 150 participants including 11 professors from various Japanese universities and leaders of major political parties attended the program.

Hon'ble Mr. Dhani Ram Paudel, Minister for Education was the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. I.P. Dhakal, Vice-Chancellor of the University and Mr. Eiji Yokoi, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, were the Special Guests of the program. The session was chaired by University Dean, Prof. Dr. Sharada Thapaliya.

Many professors at AFU have pursued their higher studies in Japanese universities. On the occasion, the university announced the establishment of the Prof. Kobayashi Memorial Foundation in memory of late Prof. Kobayashi who served the university for about a decade as a volunteer and contributed to strengthening veterinary education, strengthening the laboratory capacity, and to human resources development.



Nepal Earthquake Charity Friendly Football Match



To mark the 60th anniversary, Colorbath, a Japanese NGO, and the All Nepal Football Association (ANFA), jointly organized a Japan-Nepal charity football match at the ANFA Complex, Satdobato on 17th November.

Nepal's national football team played against the Japanese team, The Friends of Japan, comprised of players who have played in the J-League and other leagues around the world. One of the players, Mr. Kazuyuki Toda, represented Japan in the FIFA World Cup 2002, and also played for English powerhouse Tottenham Hotspur.

The tournament was exciting for the estimated 4,500 people who enjoyed the game live. Nepal Television also telecast the tournament live on its national channel. The Nepalese national football team won the charity match against the Friends of Japan team 1-0 with Nawayug Shrestha's solitary goal.





JUAAN Symposium on "A Journey in Harmony"

The Japanese Universities Alumni Association of Nepal (JUAAN) organized a one-day Symposium on "A Journey in Harmony" on 25th November, 2016, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Nepal-Japan relations. Hon'ble Minister for Forest and Soil Conservation, Mr. Shankar Bhandari was the Chief Guest and H.E. Mr. Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan was the Guest of Honor at the Symposium.

Mr. Jun Sakuma, Chief Representative, JICA; Prof. Hemanga Dixit, former Dean of TU Institute of Medicine; Dr. Khadga KC, Head of the Masters Program in International Relations and Diplomacy at Tribhuvan University, and Mr. Makoto Oyama, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan presented papers in the Symposium.

In his presentation, Mr. Jun Sakuma highlighted JICA's cooperation for infrastructure and agriculture development in Nepal. JICA started in Nepal in 1970 with activities covering a wide range of fields such as hydropower, roads, agriculture, water supply, health, education, and reconstruction.

The second paper was presented on the Health Sector by Prof. Dr. Hemanga Dixit. Dr. Dixit appreciated JICA for dispatching volunteer nurses for primary health care projects in different areas of Nepal.



Mr. Makoto Oyama gave a brief history of Japan's economic cooperation. He highlighted that Japan's ODA to Nepal started in 1954 with technical cooperation, and in 1988, small-scale grass-roots grant schemes, mainly aimed at remote areas and the most needy people, were started. Kulekhani, Kali Gandaki and Tanahu Hydropower Projects are major projects provided to Nepal by Japan. Similarly, water treatment projects in Kathmandu, and radar systems for aviation safety in eight airports are also big projects expected to aid Nepal's economic growth.

Dr. Khadga KC shed light on political and diplomatic relation between Nepal and Japan.



Japan Festival in Kathmandu

To introduce Japanese culture, lifestyle, foods, sports etc. to the people of Nepal, the Japan Festival 2016 Organizer Committee, the Japanese Association in Nepal, and the Non-Resident Nepalese Association in Japan jointly organized the Japan Festival at the Tundikhel, Kathmandu on 26th November 2016.

Several Japanese restaurants in Kathmandu served different delicious cuisine at the festival. Also organized at the festival were a demonstration of different types of Japanese martial arts, a Japanese dance performance, a music concert by a Nepali traditional band, and a demonstration of Nepali dance by Japanese nationals. A good number of Nepalese and foreign visitors enjoyed the program.

The Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Hon'ble Jeevan Bahadur Shahi; Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Mr. Masashi Ogawa, and NRN Vice-President, Mr. Bhaban Bhatta attended the festival, among others.





Japanese Karaoke Competition

The Embassy of Japan and Japanese Language Teachers' Association Nepal (JALTAN) organized a Japanese Language Karaoke Competition at the Tribhuvan Army Officers Club, Kathmandu on 26th November, 2016. A total of 29 participants took part in the competition. This program is organized every year to introduce Japanese culture to Nepalese people, and the competition annually draws a wide range of participants from the general public and Japanese language learners.

There were more than 600 people in the audience, all of whom were impressed by the talent of the participants. Some participants even dressed according to the theme of the song, while other group performances displayed creativity.





Taue Project 2016

Sirjana College of Fine Arts, Mr. Setsu Suzuki, and the Taue Project 2016 Executive Committee organized the Taue Project 2016 (installation art) in Hetauda and Patan on 26th to 28th November, and 5th to 8th December respectively.

The mysterious appearance of hundreds of red poles, topped with bright mask-like sculptures, has piqued the interest of visitors to the exhibition. This colorful rice-field artwork is the latest installation of Japanese artist Setsu Suzuki's Taue Project.

Over the past seven years, the artist has created similar installations in four rice-field locations throughout Japan as well as in Bangladesh (2010) and India (2011).

Born in 1953, Mr. Suzuki has long been interested in the question 'what is sculpture?' and how to engage with problems and relationships between reality and art, between art and the earth, and between the earth and human beings.





Japanese Education Fair in Kathmandu

The Embassy of Japan, together with the Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO), and Japanese Universities Alumni Association Nepal (JUAAN), organized the 10th Study in Japan Fair on 3rd December 2016 at the Yak & Yeti Hotel. The event is organized every year to promote study in Japan by providing Nepalese students and educators with correct information about Japanese higher education and research so as to help the students choose an appropriate university and archive their academic pursuits.

The Fair offered information on study in Japan, scholarship programs, and application procedures for scholarships as well as information on a selection

of universities; entrance examination procedures; university ranking; ways to find a research adviser, and some guidance on Japanese lifestyle. About 950 university students and educational administrators attended the fair.

Leading Japanese universities and institutions like the Kake Educational Institute; Nagaoka University of Technology; Nihon Wellness Sports University; Ritsumeikan University; Shimane University; Soka University; Teikyo University; Waseda University, and the Japan Educational Exchanges and Service (JEES) took part in the Fair.





Symposium on Sixty Years of Nepal-Japan Relations: Moving Further Ahead

The Mid-Western University organized a symposium on Sixty Years of Nepal-Japan Relations: Moving Further Ahead on 6th December, 2016 at the University head office in Birendranagar, Surkhet.

His Excellency Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan was the Chief Guest of the symposium. Ambassador Ogawa gave a special lecture on "Sixty Years of Relations: Moving Further Ahead". Similarly, Prof. Dinesh Bhuju, Academician of NAST spoke on

"Japan and Nepal: Relations Seeking Knowledge and Skills". Dr. Arjun Bahadur Yadav, Assistant Professor of the University spoke on "60 Years of Nepal-Japan Diplomatic Relations: An Overview", and Prof. Deba Bahadur Khadka, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology delivered a lecture on "Mid-Western University: Establishment and Vision".

The program was chaired by Prof. Upendra Koirala, Vice-Chancellor of the Mid-Western University.





Symposium on Sixty Years of Nepal-Japan Relations: Moving Further Ahead

The Central Department of Environment Science of Tribhuvan University organized a symposium on ‘Sixty Years of Nepal-Japan Relations: Moving Further Ahead’ on 22nd December, 2016.

Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Tirtha Khaniya chaired the function where H.E. Mr. Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan, was the Chief Guest.

Prof. Kedar Bhakta Mathema, former Vice-Chancellor of TU and former Ambassador of Nepal to Japan, and H.E. Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal were the speakers at the symposium where they highlighted Japan-Nepal relations and cooperation.



List of Commemorative Events

Date	Venue	Name of Event	Organiser
January 22-23	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Japanese Film Festival	Embassy of Japan (EOJ) Japanese Language Teachers' Association Nepal (JALTAN)
January 30	Yokohama (Japan)	Earth Tree Open Lecture 2016 “Looking at Japan from Nepal, Looking at Nepal from Japan”	Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation Earth Tree
February 6	Ishinomaki (Japan)	FUTATABI MUSEUM / FUTATABI NEPAL	McCann Healthcare Worldwide Japan, Inc
February 13	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Japan Education Fair	EOJ Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) Japanese Universities Alumni Association, Nepal (JUAAN)
February 20	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Japanese Speech Contest	JALTAN
February 27	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Traditional songs and ballads show of Japan	Tokushima Nepal Friendship Association
February 26 - March 8	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Exhibition ‘Passage to the Future’	EOJ Japan Foundation
March 11	Kathmandu (Nepal)	National Seminar on “Six Decade of Japanese Cooperation: Special Reference to Agricultural Development in Nepal”	JICA Alumni Association of Nepal (JAAN)
March 12	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Japanese Karaoke Competition	EOJ JALTAN
March 12-	Theatres nationwide in Japan	“Everest The Summit of the Gods” film project	KADOKAWA CORPORATION
March 14-18	Tokyo (Japan)	Nepal Photo exhibition ‘Inside’ by Hirotaka Tsurekawa	Student project for Nepal
March 18	Kathmandu (Nepal)	42nd Annual Program of JUAAN	JUAAN
March 26-27	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Jazz Concert/ workshop by SATOH Masahiko & NoModismo	EOJ Japan Foundation
April 1 - June 30 (3 months)	Kathmandu, Gorkha, Pokhara, Lumbini (Nepal)	Nepal earthquake memorial event [School Oilfield caravan] JILIMIL NEPAL! 2016 <DANCE COMPETITION & LIGHT UP FESTIVAL>	(Global environment cultural exchange society) ECOPARTY
April 18-19	Sindhupalchok, Dhading (Nepal)	Press Tour on Japan’s Support for Build Back Better Earthquake Recovery in Nepal	JICA Nepal Office Embassy of Japan
April 23	Tokyo (Japan)	Nepal earthquake memorial event 1 year has passed ~Remember and keep in mind Nepal~	Japan Platform Nepal Earthquake Emergency Response Working Group

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April 23-25	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Nepal Earthquake reconstruction baseball tournament	Nepal Baseball Club Laligurans
April 25	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Nepal Earthquake One Year Memorial Build Back Better and Resilience Workshop	National Reconstruction Authority JICA
April 29	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Gala Dinner to mark Mt. Manaslu Diamond Jubilee Celebration	Japanese Alpine Club
April - Dec.	Tokyo Fukushima (Japan)	NEPAL NAMASTE NIPPON I thought so! I'll go to Nepal!	I thought so! I'll go to Nepal! (LOVE FOR NIPPON)
June 21-22	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Workshop on Japan-Nepal Urgent Collaborative Projects regarding the April 2015 Nepal earthquake within the J-RAPID Program	Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
June 27-30	Yokohama (JAPAN)	Training on Structural and Seismic Engineering for Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Support -Yokohama C2C Initiative for CITYNET Disaster Cluster-	City of Yokohama CITYNET Yokohama Project Office
Oct.-Nov.	Kathmandu (NEPAL)		
June 30	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Nepal Earthquake Charity Live Concert	Fuji OK Japanese Language Center Pvt. Ltd
July 11 - Aug 22	Kathmandu (Nepal)	1ST IKEBANA CLASS	Japanese Language Teachers' Association Nepal (JALTAN)
July 15	Tokyo (Japan)	Nepal Seminar "Business Possibilities in Nepal"	Japan - Nepal Business Association
July 16	Kathmandu (Nepal)	South Asia Federation of Japanese Alumni Association meeting and Japanese Language Speech Contest	JUAAN
July 17	Shizuoka (Japan)	EDO DAIKAGURA IN NEPAL	SANTARO KAGURA
December 17-19	Kathmandu, Patan (Nepal)		
July 20 - 25	Changnarayan (Nepal)	Plantation of native-species seedlings for restoration of native forest in Changnarayan, Nepal, 2016	Yamada Bee Company, Inc.
July 30 - 31	Yellow Pagoda Hotel Kathmandu (Nepal)	On July 30: 1) Seminar on "Role of Japanese Language Education Strengthening Japan Nepal Relationship" 2) Exhibition on "Semblance between Japan and Nepal" 3) "Japan Nepal Night" On July 31: Only exhibition open to all public	Japanese Language Teachers' Association Nepal (JALTAN) Nepal AOTS Alumni Association (NAAS)

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August 6 - 7	YOYOGI PARK (Japan)	9th Nepal Festival 2016	Non Profit Organisation NRNA JAPAN
August 10 - December 10	Dhadingbesi (Nepal)	Disaster Protection Education/ Evacuation drills	JICA JOCV Education Team
August 20	Nepal Academy Hall, Kathmandu (Nepal)	4th Japanese Language Speech Contest	Japanese Language School Association of Nepal (JALSAN)
September 1	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Performance of Japanese drum	Akafujidaiko
September 20	Shinagawa Campus, Rissho University (Japan)	Public Lecture	Rissho University
September 23 - 27	Bhrikuti Mandap Kathmandu (Nepal)	Nepal Chamber Expo 2016	Nepal Chamber of Commerce
September 25	Tsurumi Central Community House (Japan)	Sharing Happiness with Dr. Kamal Phuyal	Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation Earth Tree
September 26	Hotel Soaltee Crown Plaza (Kathmandu)	Talk Program on Celebrating Diamond Jubilee Nepal-Japan Relations: Enhancing Closer Cooperation	International Concern Center
October 1	Everest International School (Japan)	“My Nepal” Creative Karuta Workshop	Karuta 2020 Project Team
October 1 - 2	Hive Nagaoka (Japan)	The 2016 Everyone’s Disaster Prevention Fair / Friendship booth with Nepal	The Everyone’s Disaster Prevention Fair Executive Committee
October 19	Hotel Pokhara Grande (Nepal)	The 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Sakura Feeder Hostel in Pokhara	Japan-Nepal Female Education Association (JNFEA) & Kanya Campus Pokhara (KCP)
October 22 - 23	Army Officers’ Club (Kathmandu)	Sadao Watanabe Jazz Concert	Embassy of Japan (EOJ)
October 29	Korakuen Hall (Tokyo)	Japan Nepal Smile Festival	Japan-Nepal friendship society
October ~	In Japan Nepal	Nepal Promotion Film Project	Nepal Promotion Film Management Office
November 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26	Kathmandu, Pokhara, Lumbini (Nepal)	WORLD PEACE through MANDALA in Nepal	NPO M21 NETWORK
November 18	Bharatpur, Chitwan (Nepal)	Symposium on Animal Health and Reproduction	Faculty of Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Fisheries, Agriculture and Forestry University
November 19	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Nepal Earthquake Charity Friendly Football Match	Colorbath

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Nov. 19 - 22	Devichour VDC Kathmandu (Nepal)	The improvement support of Education, Reconstruction of school and the improvement in awareness of Disaster and training in Nepal	2670 District Port Nagoya Rotary club
November 26	Tundikhel, Kathmandu	Japan Festival 2016 in Nepal	Japan Festival 2016 Executive Committee
November 26	Tribhuvan Army Officers' Club Kathmandu	Japanese Karaoke Competition	Embassy of Japan JALTAN
Nov. 26 - 28 Dec. 2 - 8	Hetauda\Patn (KCAC)	TAUE PROJECT 2016 IN Nepal	Sirjana College of Fine Arts/ Setsu Suzuki & TAUE Project 2016 Committee
November	Pokhara, Kathmandu, Naurikot, Chitwan (Nepal)	Nepal Special Full moon Tour with Mr. Yuichiro Miura	Global Youth Bureau Co., Ltd.
November 1 - March 30, 2017	Nepal	MANASLU HELICOPTER TREKKING FOR 11 DAYS	HIMALAYA KANKO KAIHATSU CO., LTD.
November 30	Patn (Nepal)	Conference on the preservation of Historic Settlements in Kathmandu Valley	Karyabinayak Municipality, Kirtipur Municipality, Panauti Municipality, Shankharapur Municipality, Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties (TNRICP)
December 3	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Japanese Education Fair	Embassy of Japan JASSO
December 6	Birendra Nagar (Surkhet, Nepal)	Symposium on 'Sixty Years of Nepal-Japan Relations: Moving Further Ahead' and Other Activities	Mid-Western University Surkhet, Nepal
December 15 -29 June 11 - 24, 2017	Kathmandu, Pokhara, Gorkha, Bharatpur, Lumbini (Nepal) Japan	International Community Engagement Program	Non-Profit Organization Music Sharing
December 17, 18	Nagasaki Univ. Kumamoto Univ. YMCA KARYOKAI (Japan)	Nepal film show "MAHAVEER"	Nepal film "MAHAVEER" Production Committee
December 19 - 21	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Matsumoto City Official Visit to Kathmandu City	MATSUMOTO CITY
December 22	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Symposium on 'Sixty Years of Nepal-Japan Relations: Moving Further Ahead'	Tribhuvan University Kirtipur, Kathmandu
December 26	Nerima ward office hall, (20th floor), Tokyo (Japan)	Musical event and album release – Gurans and Sakura	Nepal Japan Economic Organization

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