



Foreign Secretary

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Message

I am glad to learn that the Nepal-Russia Friendship and Cultural Association is organising an event to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Nepal and the Russian Federation. I congratulate all of you on this auspicious occasion.

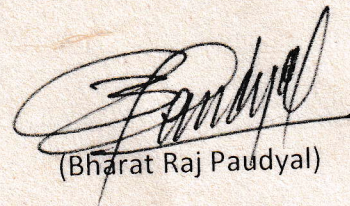
Nepal and the Russian Federation have been enjoying cordial and friendly relations ever since the formalization of the diplomatic ties in 1956. Nepal has since attached great importance to its relations with the Russian Federation, based on mutual respect, understanding and cooperation.

We are thankful for the valuable cooperation extended to Nepal by the then Soviet Union in the areas of infrastructure as well as in human resource development. The highway, hospital and industrial infrastructure built in the past with Russian cooperation are of great service even today and stand as the symbols of our longstanding friendship. The solidarity extended by Russia in the rescue and relief operation in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in 2015 and during the difficult time of COVID-19 pandemic recently is commendable.

Nepal has embarked into a new era of socio-economic transformation. Despite the adversities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our pursuit of economic growth and development continues with full determination. In this mission of realizing the national development and economic prosperity, we count on the continued cooperation and partnership from our friends in international community including the Russian Federation, especially in the fields of energy, tourism and infrastructure development.

Our two countries share deep respect to each other's history, culture and traditions. The contribution of Nepali diasporas in Russia has remained significant in Nepal's development. Strong people-people connection has been an important element of our relationship.

I appreciate the role played by the Nepal-Russia Friendship and Cultural Association towards further enriching the friendship at the people's level and I sincerely hope that these contributions will continue in the years ahead.



(Bharat Raj Paudyal)