



**Government of Nepal
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Kathmandu, Nepal**

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Foreign Secretary

Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries, I would like to sincerely congratulate to Your Excellency and, through you, to the Government and the people of Russian Federation.

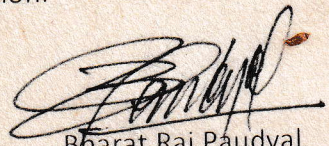
Nepal and the Russian Federation enjoy cordial and friendly ties ever since the formalization of the diplomatic contact. Nepal attaches great importance to its relations with the Russian Federation and is committed to work together in the areas of mutual interest in order to further deepen and broaden the bilateral engagements.

We are thankful to the Russian Federation for its cooperation to Nepal in the areas of infrastructure as well as in human resource development. 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. In addition, solidarity extended by Russia during the devastating earthquake of 2015 as well as COVID-19 pandemic recently is commendable. The Russian Federation has an important role to play in contemporary international affairs, including in the promotion of the interest of smaller and least developed countries like Nepal.

Our two countries share a deep respect to each other's history, culture and traditions. Nepali culture and literature have benefitted from the richness of the Russian art and literature. The contribution of Nepali diasporas has played useful role in Nepal's development. In fact, strong people-to-people contact has been an important element of our relationship. We look forward to an enhanced level of economic engagements, especially in the fields of energy, tourism and infrastructure development.

It is important to maintain regular contacts at different levels and promote high level visits between our two countries. The visit of the Nepali Foreign Minister to the Russian Federation took place in November 2019 after a gap of 14 years. To continue the momentum, we are eager to welcome high level delegations from the Russian Federation to Nepal during the 65th year of our diplomatic relations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Bharat Raj Paudyal

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