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Press Release

Hon'ble Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs addressed the opening ceremony of the 19th Western China International Fair (WCIF) in Chengdu this morning.

During his address, the Deputy Prime Minister highlighted the contributions being made by the annual WCIF in Chengdu to exchanging ideas, promoting trade, leveraging technology, seeking investment opportunities, showcasing our products, and instilling, among many countries around the world, a sense of fraternity and solidarity. He also appreciated China's positive and constructive role in helping developing countries to leverage their growth potentials and realize their dream of achieving prosperity and modernization.

Addressing the event, he shed light on Nepal-China relations while mentioning the importance of the Fair to Nepal, which has been actively participating in since 2013. He said that the Fair has provided Nepal with immense opportunities for promoting Nepal and Nepali products internationally. This also helps enhance people-to-people exchanges, he added.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that Nepal today is focusing on economic development and prosperity to change the lives of the people as well as for strengthening and sustaining the political achievements of the historical peace process and the new constitution in 2015. Highlighting the policy, institutional and administrative reforms made for foreign direct investment, he called upon the Chinese companies as well as business communities attending the Fair to invest in Nepal in different sectors.

He also asked a large number of audiences to visit Nepal and feel a lifetime experience with nature, culture, and adventure of Nepal.

The Deputy Prime Minister also said that the new development journey of western China including Sichuan Province and Tibet Autonomous Region of China has provided Nepal with immense opportunities for trade, investment, Tourism, technology transfer, connectivity, and cultural exchanges, among others.

Fifty-six countries around the world have been participating in the 19th Western China International Fair which will remain until July 3, 2023. Similarly, there are about 3600 exhibitors and more than 30,000 guests participating in the WCIF.

In the evening, the Deputy Prime Minister and his delegation attended the banquet hosted in his honour by His Excellency Mr. Wang Xiaohui, Party Secretary of the CPC Sichuan Provincial Committee.

