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Chengdu People's Republic of China Press Release

Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha held a bilateral meeting with H. E. Mr. He Lifeng, Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China this afternoon in Chengdu.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on the matters of mutual interest between Nepal and China including development cooperation, trade, investment, tourism, connectivity, implementation of Chinese-aided projects, people-to-people exchanges, among others. They expressed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries. While acknowledging the importance of frequent exchange of high level visits between the two countries in nurturing bilateral relations and cooperation, they expressed their happiness over the increasing bilateral engagements between the two countries in recent days, more particularly after the pandemic. The two delegations also agreed to work together in the areas of disaster management.

The Deputy Prime Minister put his host across the priority of the present government for post pandemic recovery and quick economic growth and requested for China's enhanced level of support. He asked the Chinese side to help open more border ports including seasonal trading points facilitating trade and human movements as well as supporting lives and livelihoods of the border inhabitants.

The Chinese Vice Premier appreciated Nepal's unflinching support to One China Policy and strong commitment for not letting its soil to be used against China's core interests. He assured of continued support to Nepal in its development endeavour. He also agreed to gradually open more border ports and trading points for trade and human movement.

Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs arrived Chengdu this afternoon leading a seven member delegation to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> Western China International Fair being held in Chengdu from 29 June to 03 July 2023.

In the evening, DPM Mr. Shrestha attended the welcome banquet organized by the Western China International Fair.

Hon. Deputy Prime Minister will address the opening ceremony of the 19<sup>th</sup> Western China International Fair tomorrow morning as the Keynote speaker.

The delegation member included Mr. Dinesh Kumar Ghimire, Consul General of Nepal in Chengdu, Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Foreign affairs, Ms. Rudra Devi Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Mr. Mahesh Baral, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies and Mr. Suresh Kaji Shrestha, Personal Secretary to the Hon DPM.

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