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Chengdu People's Republic of China

## Press Release

A five-member delegation led by Honourable Mr. Ram Bahadur Thapa Magar; Chairman of the Indigenous Nationalities Commission of Nepal arrived in Chengdu via Beijing on 20 September 2024. The delegation was received by Consul General Mr. Suresh Raut and officials from Ethnic Affairs commission of Sichuan province at Shuangliu airport Chengdu.

The delegation held a bilateral meeting with Mr. Zhao Junmin, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Sichuan provincial Committee and Minister of united front Department of Work Sichuan on 20<sup>th</sup> Septmber,2024. During the meeting, both sides emphasized on the need for increased exchanges among commissions, academia, researchers and other actors to preserve and foster the ancient ties among indigenous communities of both countries. Hon. Chairman emphasized the need to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize and streamline future cooperation.

The meeting was followed by a banquet dinner hosted by Mr. Zhao Junmin, in honour of the visiting delegation.

The delegation on Nepali side led by the Chairman Hon. Mr. Ram Bahadur Thapa Magar included Members of INC Hon. Reena Rana, Hon. Sharan Rai, Hon. Surya Bahadur Gurung, Mr. Suresh Raut, Consul General of the Consulate of Nepal in Chengdu, Mr. Tek Prasad Pulami, under-secretary and other officials from the Consulate office. The Chinese side included Mr. Wei Guoxing, Director General of the International Department, Mr. Suga Erbu, Party Secretary of Ethnic and Religious Affairs Commission of Sichuan Province, Ms. Song Qiu, Director General of Ethnic and Religious Affairs Commission of Sichuan Province and other officials.

The delegation visited Ji Fu Community, Qiong Yao Archaeological Park and Zhitai Village on 21 September before returning to Nepal today. The delegation was see off at Tianfu international airport Chengdu by Consulate officials and officials from Ethnic Affairs commission of Sichuan province.

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