

Your Excellency President of the Republic of Cyprus,

I have the honor to present to your Excellency the Letter of Credence by which Rt. Honorable President of Nepal, Ram Chandra Poudel has appointed me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nepal to the Republic of Cyprus. I have further the honor to present the Letter of Recall of my distinguished predecessor.

I bring with me the greetings and best wishes from Rt. Honorable President Ram Chandra Poudel and the Government as well as the people of Nepal to your Excellency, Mr. President, and through you, to the Government and the people of the Republic of Cyprus.

Your Excellency,

It is highly encouraging to note that the relationship between the two countries has always been amicable, gracious and cordial, marked by mutual respect, trust, and understanding of each other's interests ever since the establishment of the diplomatic relationship between Nepal and the Republic of Cyprus on 18 August 1980.

Both Nepal and the Republic of Cyprus are members of the United Nations and have unflinching faith in its Charter. Both countries have worked together in various International fora in the past and hold similar views on many international issues of common concerns. Nepal has always been advocating for the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, unity and non-alignment of the states.

On the unified Cyprus issue, Nepal has extended its support to finding a solution that is based on international law and the relevant resolutions and UN decisions. Nepal has remained a firm supporter of the positions of the Republic of Cyprus.

Though there have been limited bilateral activities and also people-to-people contact between two countries, I could see tremendous potential to increase cooperation in the fields of education, employment, tourism, trade and commerce for the benefit of both the countries. In addition,

cooperation in sharing know-how and expertise and providing in-kind, demand-driven humanitarian assistance are some prospects observed to shore up from Cyprus.

As per the information, Cyprus development co-operation is closely aligned with the goals and priorities of the European Union (EU), with a central focus on poverty eradication and sustainable development. Its official development assistance (ODA) in the past ten years is remarkable. I would like to congratulate Mr. President in this regard.

I would also like to invite more Cypriots to visit Nepal both as tourists as well as investors. The presence of the Nepali people in the Republic of Cyprus will be helpful in further consolidating our ties. While committing myself to further cementing our bilateral ties, I would also like to express my confidence in consolidating and strengthening the relationship between the two countries in the days to come.

I believe high-level visits have been useful in further developing the bilateral relationship which promotes opening up new areas and cooperation between the two countries.

Regarding this, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely request Mr. President to cordially invite you to visit Nepal. The government and the people of Nepal look forward to hosting you in the Country. On this occasion, I would also like to express my self-assurance for the full cooperation and support from Your Excellency's Government in the discharge of my duties.

Thank you, Your Excellency!

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