

Interaction Program on Aid for Trade and Nepal

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A half day interaction program was organized at WTO Reference Centre, Babar Mahal, Kathmandu on 19th August, 2011 on "Aid for Trade and Nepal : Issues and Way Forward". The program attended by various representatives from different concerned ministries and departments, distinguished academicians, trade intellectuals and journalists, was conducted under 'Strengthening WTO Reference Centre Nepal Program' which is being supported by EC-Nepal-WTO Assistance Program. The interaction program was chaired by Mr. Purushottam Ojha, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies. Mr. Chandra Ghimire, Joint Secretary and division chief of Planning and International Trade Cooperation Division of the Ministry, was the key speaker of the program. He made a comprehensive presentation through power-point on the said topic and shed highlights on different issues including challenges associated with AFT. Renowned economist and Professor Dr. Bishwambher Pyakurel and Mr. Ratnakar Adhikari, a trade specialist and General Secretary of SAWTEE, made eloquent comments on the paper presented by Mr. Ghimire. The program which was held following the 'Third Global Review Meeting on AFT' by the World Trade Organization in Geneva in the third week of July this year, was the second interaction program of its kind at WTO Reference Centre as envisaged under "Strengthening WTO Reference Centre Program". For the paper presented by Mr. Ghimire, at the interaction program,