

Participation of Commerce Secretary in a Round Table Meeting organized by AIDIA on Prospects and Challenges for promoting Trilateral Cooperation among Nepal, Bangladesh and India for Trade and Economic Development

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Commerce Secretary Mr. Chandra Kumar Ghimire emphasized on promoting trilateral economic cooperation and collaboration among Nepal, Bangladesh and India to promote economic growth, prosperity through enhanced trade and economic integration in the South Asian Sub-region.



Speaking at a "Round Table Meeting on Prospects and Challenges on Nepal-India-Bangladesh Trilateral Cooperation Programme" organized by the Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs (AIDIA) in Kathmandu on 4 December 2017, Mr. Ghimire outlined the necessity of enhancing connectivity among three countries through all means of modes including road, rail, air and inland-waterways, simplifying customs procedures and facilitating cross borders trade to increase economic growth in the sub-region. Besides, he also underlined the necessity of building trade infrastructures to ease movement of flows of goods and services including tourism among these three countries. He also highlighted the importance of transit facilitation for Nepal to reduce its trade cost and enhance trading capacity. In addition to removing tariff barriers, removing or addressing NTM barriers are also equally important in order to promote trade among these three countries, he stressed. Underscoring the potential benefits of ports like Chittagong and Mongla in favour of Nepal, he urged translating words of past decisions into concrete actions.

The interaction programme was organized under the chairmanship of Mr. Sunil KC, Chief Executive Officer, of the AIDIA. The other eminent personalities that delivered their views in the interaction programme include Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal Her Excellency Ms. Mashfee Binte Shams, Dr. Gowher Rizvi, International Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister of People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Jay Nishant, Adviser, the Asia Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs (AIDIA) and other distinguished scholars and thinkers of the south Asian region.

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