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Announcement Speech on “**International Conference on Protection of Rights of the Migrant Workers**” by the Hon. Chairperson Mr. Anup Raj Sharma in July 21, 2019.

Protection of rights of the migrant workers is a current global issue which has emerged as an interest and priority to all the states. Large number of migrant workers from Nepal and South Asia proceed each day as economic migrants to the GCC as well as other nations. In consideration to this tendency, fair and responsible recruitment practices, protecting rights of the migrant workers, migrant workers family’s rights and access to justice is further important and sensitive concern.

It is my immense pleasure to announce that National Human Rights Commission, Nepal is going to organize an international conference on **Protection of Rights of the Migrant Workers** on November 12-14, 2019. This conference aims to emphasize on the human rights of the migrant workers. In addition, NHRC, Nepal also had previously organized an international conference in Kathmandu on November 26-27, 2012 focusing on the rights of the migrant workers.

This conference will basically focus on the issues and challenges, in all three; origins, transit and destination countries. Moreover, this conference will also focus upon the fair and responsible recruitment practices, irregular migration and access to justice. Role of NHRIs, constructive dialogues with the international institutions and organizations and their best practices shared will be able to give a new insight to this conference.

The three days conference will have different thematic sessions. Paper presented by the national and international experts will be discussed with the invited dignitaries. The sessions with particular theme will be discussed in a panel representing the experienced and profound people working in this field.

After three days of extensive discussions and constructive inputs - as an outcome there will be Kathmandu Declaration. This declaration will incorporate the commitment to overcome the issues and challenges. The action plan will be further prepared for the implementation of this declaration.

The team under the coordination of Hon. Commissioner Mr. Sudip Pathak has been formed and assigned responsibilities for the conference. In addition, the senior officers of NHRC, subject experts and staffs of NHRC from other committees are also working on the allocated tasks. To confirm the participation of the international delegates the communication has begun.

It is expected that NHRIs from 30 countries will participate in this conference. The chairperson along with their members will have their valuable presence. International experts, representatives from civil society, the international organizations working for the human rights of migrant workers, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions – GANHRI, Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions-APF, UNDP, EU, ILO, and IOM are also the other anticipated participants. Altogether the international representative from 90 countries is to be a part of this conference. The additional 35 representatives will be from national level including the representatives of government, experts, and organizations working in the issues of migrant workers, members of NHRC and staffs of NHRC.

I heartily request the Government of Nepal and all other respective concerned authorities for the successful completion of the conference.

Thank You!!

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