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## NHRC to Host International Conference on the Rights of Migrant Workers

The National Human Rights Commission of Nepal is all set to host an international conference on cooperation between the national human rights institutions (NHRIs) for the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers in the Asia Pacific region. The major objectives of this mega event are to identify key issues and challenges with regard to protecting the rights of migrant workers and exploring ways to address them.

The conference will also explore good practices developed and brought into enforcement so far for the rights of migrant workers by the NHRIs of the region, share the experiences and lesson learnt by the NHRIs of the region and also look at the possible areas of cooperation and joint advocacy strategies for the protection of migrant workers. The other objective is to make necessary recommendations to the stakeholders, government concerned and other regional human rights institutions.

The two day international conference, which is scheduled to begin from November 26 - 2012 in Kathmandu, is expected to involve around 50 participants from NHRIs of fifteen different countries of Asia Pacific region and the representatives of the Government.

The role of the NHRIs of the region is exceptionally pivotal in protecting the rights of migrant workers. The conference, therefore, will be the platform to have discussion on various rights protection related issues of the migrant workers that would pave ways for necessary coordination, cooperation and collaboration among the NHRIs of the region.

It may be recalled that the Commission has recommended to the Nepal government at the meeting held on November 22, 2012 for the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families-1990.

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