



# राष्ट्रिय मानव अधिकार आयोग

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### Be serious towards solving the problems of Nepalese migrant workers The MoU between NHRCN and SUHAKAM extends for one year

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal expresses good wishes to the all-migrant workers and members of their families on the occasion of **International Migrants Day**, (December 18).

On this occasion, the Commission concluded a discussion program with the Human Rights Commission Malaysia (SUHAKAM) with regard to the protection and promotion of the rights of the Nepali migrant workers working at Malaysia. In the discussion program Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia Jerald Joseph and the Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission of Nepal Mr. Bed Bhattarai, the representatives of Nepali workers working in the various cities of Malaysia, the representatives of Nepali Embassy, Department of Consular Service Nepal, Department of Foreign employment and the human rights activists working in the migration sector were participated the discussion program. NHRCN and SUHAKAM with the aim of fostering close collaboration, including complaints handling, exchange of information, bilateral communication relating to the complaints, joint monitoring, research and other activities with priority in order to protect the right of the migrant workers and people residing in both countries have concluded Memorandum of Understanding. According to the MOU, any of the Nepali migrant workers who faced problems can launch complaints at SUHAKAM. For the protection of rights of migrant workers, the MoU concluded between two Commissions on 14 November, 2019 has been extended with signature for 1 year's duration which is effected from 17 December, 2020.

The Commission requests to the all-local bodies to act in collaboration with the federal, provincial governments and other concerned stakeholders for the reintegration of the returnee Nepali migrant workers maintaining their record who have lost their employment due to COVID – 19 pandemics. The Commission requests to the government of Nepal to seek solution being serious towards the migrant workers who did not get remuneration and other facilities, expelled from work, undocumented and domestic women labour's condition in the destination countries due to COVID – 19 pandemics. The Commission requests to all the private sectors to act adopting the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Similarly, the Commission reminds to the government of Nepal to implement the previously recommended by the Commission for the ratification of the International **Convention** on the

Protection of the Rights of All **Migrant Workers** and Members of Their Families, 1990 and the **International Labour Organization's Domestic Workers Convention**, 2011 (No. 189).

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