



Embassy of Nepal/Mission of Nepal to the European Union Brussels, Belgium

Press Release

The Embassy of Nepal in Brussels organized a special programme to observe the 67th Democracy Day at the premises of the Embassy this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador of Nepal to Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg and Head of Mission to the European Union H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa extended greetings and best wishes to all Nepali nationals living in the BENELUX countries and shed light particularly on Nepal's democratic strides made after the advent of democracy in 2007 BS.

Ambassador Thapa also underscored the importance of democracy including in the realization of right to information, human rights and individual freedom. Given the need to further consolidate democratic gains in Nepal, it is highly imperative that all of us strike a fine balance between the exercise of our democratic rights and fulfilment of our roles and responsibilities towards the country, he contended.

Underlining the interconnections between democracy and people's empowerment, Ambassador Thapa stressed the need to focus on people's education and entrepreneurship. He said that the Non-Resident Nepalese had a critical role to play both at national and international fronts as Nepal tried to embark on a path of development thereby institutionalizing the democratic achievements made over the last 66 years.

Mr. Arjun Kumar Shrestha, Secretary of International Coordination Council of Non-Resident Nepalese Association (NRNA) and Mr. Padam Gurung, Vice President of NRNA, Belgium, also spoke during the event. They highlighted the challenges and prospects facing Nepal's democratic movement and emphasized NRNs' role in the attainment of democratic aspirations of Nepali people.

Office bearers of NRNA, representatives of Belgium-based Nepali Organizations, businesspersons, media persons and Nepali nationals living in Belgium were present in the programme.

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