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### Press Release

The Embassy of Nepal hosted a reception in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday evening to commemorate the 263rd Nepali Army Day.

Welcoming the guests, Defense and Military Attaché Brigadier General Mr. Purna Prasad Dhakal reflected on the distinguished history of the Nepali Army and highlighted its professionalism, dedication, and unwavering commitment to safeguarding Nepal's sovereignty. He underscored the Army's vital contributions to national security and development, including its leading role in disaster response and humanitarian assistance.

Dr. Andrew Byers, Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for South and Southeast Asia at the United States Department of War, graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest. He congratulated the Nepali Army on the 263rd anniversary of its establishment and expressed appreciation for the long-standing partnership between the Nepali Army and the United States Army in the areas of training, disaster response, joint exercises, high-level engagements, and operational coordination.

In his address, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. Mr. Sharad Raj Aran underscored the pivotal role of the Nepali Army in safeguarding Nepal's national interests. Reflecting on Nepal-U.S. relations and cooperation with the United States Army, he expressed appreciation to the United States Government for its continued support. He also highlighted the Nepali Army's contributions to international peace through United Nations peacekeeping missions and noted its vital role in nation-building, including infrastructure development, environmental protection, and disaster response.

Approximately 200 guests attended the reception, including representatives of U.S. authorities, members of the diplomatic corps and military attachés, and members of the Nepali diaspora community. The reception featured a ceremonial cake-cutting and a dinner showcasing traditional Nepali cuisine.

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