



Press Release

The Embassy of Nepal in Muscat hosted a tourism promotion event on 29 May 2025 to mark **Sagarmatha Day**, commemorating the historic first ascent of Sagarmatha (Mt. Everest) by Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and Sir Edmund Hillary on 29 May 1953. This year's event also coincided with **Republic Day of Nepal**, adding further significance to the celebration.

The event was graced by **Guest of Honour His Excellency Dr. Jamal bin Hasan Al-Moosawi**, Secretary General of the National Museum of the Sultanate of Oman, and **His Excellency Ambassador Abdullah al Riyami**, Director General of the Cultural Cooperation Department, Foreign Ministry of Oman. The event was attended by Ambassadors, Diplomats, a Sagarmatha Climber, prominent business leaders and media professionals, making the evening a rich gathering of diplomatic and cultural exchange.

The ceremony formally began with the lighting of the traditional **Panas lamp** by **H.E. Dornath Aryal**, Ambassador of Nepal to the Sultanate of Oman.

In his welcome address, Ambassador Aryal highlighted the **symbolic, ecological and geopolitical significance** of Sagarmatha.

Ambassador Aryal also spotlighted Nepal's initiation in climate dialogue through the **first edition of the Sagarmatha Sambaad (Everest Dialogue)**, held in Kathmandu from 16 to 18 May 2025. Centered on the theme "*Climate Change, Mountains and the Future of Humanity*," the international conference welcomed many national and international delegates, and concluded with the issuance of a 25-point "Sagarmatha Call for Action." Ambassador Aryal concluded his remarks with a warm invitation for all attendees to visit Nepal, praising its stunning natural beauty and rich cultural heritage.

Ms. Nadhira Al Harthy, Sagarmatha summiteer, shared inspiring and engaging presentation of her Everest expedition. Ms. Al Harthy also recounted her experience as a panelist during the recent Sagarmatha Sambaad.

The program featured a video showcasing **Nepal's breathtaking landscapes**, including the Himalayan range and diverse cultural heritage. As part of the celebration, **Ambassador Aryal honoured Ms. Nadhira Al Harthy with traditional shawl** and felicitated **Master Shiva Kochale**, a 13-year-old teen who reached the **Sagarmatha Base Camp in April 2025**. As a token



of appreciation, the Ambassador presented souvenirs and photo frame of Sagarmatha to the Guest of Honour and all the participants were also handed over beautiful photo frame of Sagarmatha.

The event was conducted by **Mr. Bishesh Kumar Sah**, Second Secretary at the Embassy, who welcomed guests and guided the program with warmth and poise. A ppt was played during the dinner depicting the natural beauty and diverse culture of Nepal.

Earlier this morning and afternoon, the Embassy of Nepal held a flag hoisting ceremony and a brief event to observe Republic Day. During the event, H.E. the Ambassador extended congratulations and highlighted the importance of the Republic Day of Nepal.

The Embassy of Nepal, Muscat, Oman
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