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Rt. Honorable Prime Minister Sushil Koirala

Government is working to set an international standard for doing business, and attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for hydro and infrastructure development. Revenue from these mega projects will become a mainstay of government finance. We have already initiated major policy and institutional reforms for attracting FDI. Establishing a high-powered Board to oversee large investments is one such policy reform, while many other investment-friendly policies continue to develop.

I am confident that the Investment Board will continue to traverse the path of success of two major hydropower agreements. There is not much debate about the need for private capital to bridge the country's infrastructure investment gap, given so many other compelling needs for government capital. Nevertheless, negotiation and implementation of transformative projects, led by IBN need support of all ministries and political parties.

IBN NOD TO TWO FIRMS FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT



KATHMANDU: The long-protracted Kathmandu Valley Integrated Solid Waste Management (KVISWM) project has finally kicked off after IBN issued a work order to two joint venture firms to prepare Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project on February 11.

Radhesh Pant, IBN CEO handed over the work orders to the selected bidders- Nepwaste Pvt Ltd (Joint Venture of Communication OY and The Organic Village) and Clean Valley Company Pvt Ltd (Joint Venture of BVG, Greenfield Waste Management and KRYSS international) at a function organized at the Office of IBN.

Nepwaste will prepare DPR of Kathmandu Metropolitan City and surrounding Village Development Committees (VDCs) under Package 1 of the project. Similarly, Clean Valley will make DPR under Package 2 (Lalitpur Sub-metropolitan City, Kirtipur Municipality and adjoining VDCs) and Package 3 (Bhaktapur Municipality, Madhyapur Thimi Municipality and nearby VDCs).

After issuing the work orders, Pant said it is a significant step-forward in the process of resolving long-standing problem of solid waste in the capital. Sumitra Amatya, Executive

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IBN Outreach at UNIVERSITY



KATHMANDU: As part of its outreach strategy, IBN conducted an interaction with university students to sensitize them about issues of hydropower and other infrastructure projects, and also to solicit their thoughts on overall economic development of Nepal. IBN CEO Radhesh Pant along with his team exchanged views with Masters' students of Management Stream at Tribhuwan University, Kirtipur on February 9 on Nepal's development issues.

Around 400 students and faculty members, including university professors attended the interaction.

During the event, Pant highlighted progress on IBN-portfolio projects, major achievements and solicited the students' cooperation to sensitize general public on the urgency of moving forward infra projects to unlock Nepal's economic potentiality.

Pant also urged the students to communicate positive messages and create investment-friendly environment in the country.

"Everyone needs to raise the investors' confidence to bring in Foreign Direct Investment, which

is acutely required now," said Pant. During the event, the students appreciated the IBN approach to keep university students onboard on Nepal's economic development issues. They expressed commitment to supporting IBN initiatives in the future. Bhoj Raj Aryal, Head of Central Department of Management, stressed the need to create a formal coordination mechanism between IBN and TU to utilize fresh university graduates in development projects.

MCC CEO and U.S. Dy Assistant Secy of State Meet IBN Officials

KATHMANDU: A high-level United States delegation, led by Fatema Z. Sumar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of state, and CEO of Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Dana J. Hyde held a meeting with IBN CEO Radhesh Pant to discuss the upcoming U.S. assistance to Nepal under the MCC on February 11 at IBN office.

The MCC is an independent U.S. agency, which has been supporting poor countries to fight poverty. Established in 2004, the MCC looks at innovative ways to deliver U.S. foreign assistance effectively by forging partnerships with countries committed to good governance, economic freedom, and investments in their citizens. Nepal was selected in 2011 to get U.S. assistance under the MCC's support programs.

During the meeting, IBN CEO Pant highlighted some core areas, including hydro power, roads, transmission and human resources that urgently require MCC assistance.



IBN Updates Youth Leaders on Infra Projects



KATHMANDU: Investment Board Nepal (IBN) organized an interaction with youth leaders of major political parties on January 30 to update them about an implementation status of IBN projects. Radhesh Pant, IBN Chief Executive Officer (CEO) briefed the leaders and highlighted the major challenges in infra projects.

Soliciting cross-party support for smooth implementation of mega projects, CEO Pant said timely amendment of existing laws and fast delivery system need to be in place to keep pace with competing regional development culture. "Land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected people and shares to local people are some major challenges for mega projects in the absence of transparent and clear government policies now," said Pant.

During the interaction, the youth leaders expressed commitment to supporting the Board to move infra projects forward effectively. They said the IBN has

IBN Welcomes New Joint Secretary

Office of the Investment Board welcomed new joint secretary Kshatra Bahadur Bhandari on February 16.



districts in the past.

Prior to joining IBN, Bhandari was Spokesperson at the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (OPMCM). He has served as Chief District Officer (CDO) in several

a crucial role for an economic transformation of the country.

Sher Dhan Rai, UML CA member and chairman of Parliamentary Good Governance Committee, Badri Pandey, NC CA member, Ram Kumari Jhankri, UML central member, Devi Khadka, UCPN(M) central member, Madhav Dhungel, UML youth leader, Yogendra Shahi, UML youth leader, Rajaram Bartaula, RPP –Nepal central member, Lekh Nath Neupane, CPN-M youth leader, Manish Suman, Nepal Sadbhawana Party General Secretary, Puspa Bhusal,



NC central member, Ganesh Man Pun, UCPN(M) CA member, Jay Nishant, Madhesi youth leader, Ram Dip Acharya, trade union leader of CPN-M, and Krishna Singh, Tarai Madhesh Democratic Party (TMDP) student leader were among those who participated at the IBN interaction. oard has formed a loose alliance of cross-party youth leaders to discuss economic development issues, and the alliance meets every month at IBN office.

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..Director of Solid Waste Management Technical Support Center, under the Ministry of Urban Development, said conflicts with locals of land field site and environment related problems will be reduced once the project gets implemented.

The 16th meeting of IBN in November last year had authorized IBN's CEO-led committee to give permission to prepare DPR and evaluate it. The firms have to complete DPR between six to 11 months from the date of issuance of work order. They have to include evaluation of environmental, financial, legal, institutional and technical aspects of the project in the DPR.

British Parliamentarians Visit IBN



KATHMANDU: A nine-member British parliamentarians visited IBN Office on February 6 to discuss the British government's support to Nepal's economic development. During the meeting, British lawmakers said that Nepal government needs to prioritize sectors for British government's assistance.

During the meeting, the parliamentarians, who are also the members of International Development Committee (IDC) of the parliament, said that British government is ready to help Nepal for rapid growth of hydropower and other infrastructures. The delegates include Hugh Bayley (Liberal Democrat Party), Sir Malcolm Bruce (Labor Party), Tony Cunningham (Labor Party), Fiona Bruce (Conservative Party), Fabian Hamilton (Labor Party), Pauline Latham (Conservative Party), Jeremy Lefroy (Conservative Party), Peter Luff (Conservative Party), Michael McCann (Labor Party), Fiona O'Donnell (Labor Party) and Chris White (Conservative Party).



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RT Hon Desmond Swayne TD MP
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12 December 2014

Dear Radheesh

On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom, I would like to congratulate you for the achievement of signing two project development agreements with GMR and SJVN worth over US \$2 billion. These are the biggest foreign investment deals ever agreed in Nepal. The positive impact for the country will be significant, provided that safeguards are properly implemented and that the benefits are shared equitably among Nepal's people.

I know that these deals are highly complex and difficult to secure. They require perseverance, professionalism, integrity and flexibility, all of which you have shown throughout the long negotiations.

I know that we still have some way to go before construction starts and that many challenges still lie ahead. Still, this is an important milestone at which we should pause to celebrate. We are very proud of our partnership with you and look forward to continue to work together in the coming years to bring these projects to fruition.

Yours sincerely

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US Asst. Secy Biswal visits IBN Office

Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Secretary of United States for Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, visited office of the Investment Board to discuss the priorities for Nepal's economic development on November 25, 2014. IBN CEO Radhesh Pant welcomed Biswal at IBN office. During the meeting Biswal expressed US commitment for supporting development initiatives in Nepal.

IBN Proposed Visit to Upper Karnali

KATHMANDU: IBN and GMR Ltd have planned a joint visit to Upper Karnali Hydro Power Project (UKHPP) between February 23-27 to update the project-affected people about Project Development Agreement (PDA) and local benefits plans. A high level team of IBN, led by CEO Radhesh Pant and GMR officials will conduct interactions with affected people in Surkhet, Dailekh and Achham districts. Members of Constituent Assembly representing the project districts, journalists and representatives of project concern bodies will join the visit. Interaction programs are planned at Birendranagar of Surkhet, Dailekh Bazaar, Dab (dam-site) of Dailekh and Mangalsen of Achham. IBN organized similar interactions with local stakeholders before signing the PDA to construct 900-MW Upper Karnali Hydropower Project in the past.

Chemical Fertilizer RFP

KATHMANDU: Investment Board Nepal (IBN) has invited Request for Proposal (RFP) from four short-listed companies to conduct feasibility to establish chemical fertilizers plant in the country. IBN had short-listed four firms- JV of Tata Consulting Engineers Ltd (India) and SILT Engineers and Consultant Pvt Ltd (Nepal), JV of Projects and Development India Ltd (India) and PSA Consultants for Nepal, JV of Infrastructure Development Corporation (Karnatak) Ltd

Selected Bidders

1. JV of Tata Consulting Engineers Ltd (India) and SILT Engineers and Consultant Pvt Ltd (Nepal)
2. JV of Projects and Development India Ltd (India) and PSA Consultants for Nepal
3. JV of Infrastructure Development Corporation (Karnatak) Ltd India (IDeck) and Institute of Agriculture Technologies and Feedback Infrastructure Service Nepal Ltd
4. JV of JACOBS Consultancy and Taylor Dejongh and Everesheds Tower Bridge Court , UK.

Submission Deadline: 61 days

India (IDeck) and Institute of Agriculture Technologies and Feedback Infrastructure Service Nepal Ltd, and JV of JACOBS Consultancy and Taylor Dejongh and Everesheds Tower Bridge Court , UK. The selected companies have to submit RFP within 61 days effective from February 9- the date of RFP notice. IBN had invited Expression of Interest (EoI) for interested firms in September. Responding to the call, total five firms had submitted their EoI at IBN.

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