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### **Press Release on the Nepal-Germany Friendship Cycle Rally 2018**

Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi, Foreign Secretary of the Government of Nepal, inaugurated the First Nepal-Germany Friendship Cycle Rally in Berlin on July 1, 2018 hosted on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between these two countries.

The Cycle Rally organized by the Embassy of Nepal in collaboration with the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) with the objective to highlight tourism of Nepal and *Visit Nepal Year 2020* as well as various cooperation prevalent between Nepal and Germany in the areas of climate change and environmental protection.

Flagging off the Cycle Rally that covered about 20 kilometers from the Berlin Gate to the Ambassador's Residence, Mr. Bairagi highlighted on the deep and historical bilateral relations existing between the two friendly countries for last six decades. He further expressed happiness over the growing interaction between the peoples of two countries through the cultural exchanges and tourism.

Ambassador Mr. Markus Potzel, Commissioner at the South Asia Division of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany expressed immense pleasure in taking part in the event and applauded the efforts to strengthening Nepal-Germany relations by bringing it further to the peoples' level through such rally.

After the conclusion of the Rally, Ambassador of Nepal to Germany Mr. Ramesh Prasad Khanal hosted a reception to the participants and guests at his residence. Senior officials of the German government, Friends of Nepal and a large number of Nepali community were present on the occasion.

On the occasion, Mr. Khanal shed light on the various aspects of Nepal-Germany bilateral relations and expressed confidence that such events would further contribute to promote historical friendship between the two countries.

Mr. Bairagi and his delegation left Berlin for Nepal on July 1, 2018 after taking part in various meetings and programs hosted on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> years of diplomatic relations between Nepal and Germany.

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