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Nepal, India agree on smoothening cross-border vehicular movement

REPUBLICA
KATHMANDU, July 31

India is devising a web-based solution to facilitate two-way traffic between Nepal and India.

The first meeting of the Nepal-India Cross Border Transport Facilitation Joint Working Group (JWG) under the Motor Vehicle Agreement for regulation of passenger vehicular traffic between the two countries -- held in New Delhi on July 16-17 -- recommended the web-based solution to facilitate movement of vehicles across the Nepal-India border.

"National Informatics Centre (NIC) -- the IT-solution provider of Indian government -- will design a web-based solution for

the issue of online permits under the bilateral Nepal-India Motor Vehicle Agreement," a press note released after the meeting reads.

The web-based solution will help issue, monitor and verify permits for non-scheduled and personal passenger vehicles, it says, adding that the new online vehicle permit system -- after being developed by NIC -- would be demonstrated to Nepal for consideration, suggestions and concurrence.

The new system would facilitate procurement of vehicle permits for people based in far-flung and remote areas, it adds.

After concurrence by both sides, the web-based portal for issue of vehicle permits would be tested on

a pilot basis at Birgunj-Raxaul and Bhairahawa-Sunauli border points.

The existing manual and traditional system for the issuing of vehicle permits being used by both countries would continue simultaneously.

The joint-secretary-level meeting -- that saw an eight-member delegation from the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Management and their counterpart Indian delegation led by India's Ministry of Road Transport and Highways -- also agreed for rationalizing permit fees, customs duty and bank guarantees for different categories of vehicles.

Likewise, the Indian side told Nepal that free Wi-Fi service and a tracking

system have been installed on the Delhi-Kathmandu route.

The JWG also recommended starting regular bus services between India and Nepal in four new routes including Kathmandu-Patna-Bodhgaya, Mahendranagar-New Delhi, Siliguri-Kakarbhitta-Kathmandu and Janakpur-Patna.

Currently, regular bus services between Kathmandu and New Delhi and between Kathmandu and Varanasi are in operation.

The new routes will improve connectivity and seamless movement between Nepal and the border states of India -- including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Uttarakhand, the note says.

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Arniko Highway opening works begin

By A Staff Reporter
Kathmandu, Aug 1

Nepalese security forces, including Nepal Army in close coordination with the Chinese Armed Police started work to open the Arniko Highway, which was blocked by the April 25 earthquake.

It seriously affected the trade between Nepal and China.

China mobilized 100 policemen at the request of the government of Nepal.

According to the Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu, the reopening of the Highway was one of support projects of the Chinese government to Nepal and would play an important role in improving the trade and deepening friendship between the two countries.

The Arniko Highway is the important land channel for the post-disaster reconstruction of Nepal.

According to the Ministry of Commerce and Supply (MoCS), after opening of the highway, it would be easy to carry materials much needed for the relief and reconstruction works in the aftermath of the earthquake.

"This is more important for the trade between the two countries. The reopening has come as a relief before the festive season," said Jiba Raj Koirala, joint-secretary at the MoCS.

Many containers that had been trapped in the landslides along the highway and stopped across the border would find their way to Kathmandu.

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Arniko Highway...

The continuous rainfall created obstacles in the reopening of the strategic road link to China.

"According to the concrete analysis and field research by the Chinese security forces, Arniko Highway was damaged seriously. Since it is still monsoon and aftershocks happen irregularly, the large landslide and collapse may occur any time," read a press release by the embassy.

The embassy also said that the Chinese help for reopening the Highway had a great significance on the occasion of 60th anniversary of establishment of the diplomatic relations between the two nations.

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Melamchi Water Supply Project

Contractor stops tunnel digging works

REPUBLICA

KATHMANDU, Aug 2

Italian contractor of Melamchi Water Supply Project (MWSP) has not resumed works on the project, despite telling the Tripartite Portfolio Review Meeting to start works within seven days.

An official of Cooperativa Muratori e Cementisti (CMC) di Ravenna had told

criticized the project management for the delay. In the meeting, ADB had also raised the issue of disruption in tunnel digging works due to earthquake and landslides and. It had suggested putting place safety plan for minimizing risks and resuming works at headworks.

ADB had also suggested to the government to address problem of cash flow raised

Rajendra Prasad Panta, information officer at MWSP, said the government was positive about addressing the problem of cash flow. "But the contractor should first reschedule the works and resume work immediately," he added

the meeting held on July 27 that the works will be resumed within seven days.

The meeting was organized by Asian Development Bank to discuss work performance of projects funded by it.

The contractor has halted tunnel digging works at Ambathan and Gyalthum citing damage in access road due to landslide.

"But it cannot be justified," Ghanashyam Bhattarai, executive director of the project, said. "Locals have been using the road every day. Project officials too are visiting the project site."

Tunnel digging works at Sundarijal and Sindhu are going on at a slow pace.

CMC has been carrying out headworks and tunnel works of the drinking water project.

During the tripartite meeting, Hun Kim, director general of South Asia Department of ADB, had

by the contractor.

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A separate was meeting held at the project site at Sundarijal among officials of ADB office in Kathmandu, Project Officials, consultant and contractor. Kim was present in the meeting. At the meeting, Kim had said why they should invest if the project keeps on getting delayed.

While starting works on the project in January 2013, the contractor had expressed commitment to complete the works in 156 weeks. As 93 weeks have already passed, officials say it is difficult to complete the project in remaining 63 weeks.

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India assures new soft loans to Nepal

POST REPORT
KATHMANDU, AUG 4

ktm-nijgadh fast track

India has indicated that it would consider providing a new line of credit to Nepal for the construction of Kathmandu-Nijgadh Fast Track Road.

The Indian assurance came during the third Bilateral Line of Credit (LoC) Review Meeting between the two sides on Monday, said Madhu Marasini, chief of International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division at the Finance Ministry.

"The Indian side assured the Nepali side that its proposal for a dedicated new line of credit for construction of the Kathmandu-Nijgarh Fast Track Road will be considered by the Indian government favourably," Indian Embassy in Kathmandu confirmed in a statement on Tuesday.

With the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Management (MoPITM) getting closer to award the project contract to an Indian consortium, the government has sought a soft loan from India for the development of the 76-km expressway that would connect

Kathmandu to a site in the country's south where a new international airport has been planned.

The government has assured the Indian consortium of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS) Transportation Networks, IL&FS Engineering and Construction, and Suryavir Infrastructure Construction of providing a soft loan during negotiations that concluded last month.

Finance Ministry officials said they have not decided yet about the new line of credit. "We have asked for a dedicated line of credit for the project without fixing any amount," said Marasini, who led the Nepali team during the meeting.

The officials said the loan amount will be fixed once the cost of the project and investment to be made by the government and the developers are determined. "We will seek an Indian aid for the gap funding," Marasini added.

The feasibility report prepared by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 2014 had estimated the road project to cost \$960 million,

the latest figures, however, peg it at \$1.12 billion.

As per the negotiations between the MoPITM and the Indian consortium, the government would finance \$750 million as credit to the Indian developer, while the remaining amount will be borne by the consortium.

The government has decided to invest half of the \$1 billion line of credit extended by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi last year on projects related to roads, bridges and irrigation. Although the government was supposed to fund half of the fund in energy projects, with Budhi Gandaki hydropower project being the likely recipient, it is now considering providing that money to the Fast Track project instead.

The meeting also reviewed the progress made on the projects under the three Line of Credits—\$100million, \$250million and \$1billion—extended by India since 2006. The two sides also discussed the modalities for implementation of the \$1billion Line of Credit pledged by the Indian government for the post-earthquake reconstruction.

GAUTAM BUDDHA REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT

ADB blacklists principal Chinese contractor

Rujan Pokhrel
Kathmandu, August 6

Nearly seven months after Prime Minister Sushil Koirala laid foundation stone of the much-hyped Gautam Buddha Regional International Airport project in Bhairahawa, the Asian Development Bank has blacklisted its principal contractor on charges of submitting false claims to bag the prestigious project worth billions of rupees.

The sources have revealed that the ADB blacklisted China's Northwest Civil Aviation Airport Construction Group, which was awarded contract worth billions by the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal for the extension of GBA in October. The project is aimed at turning the airport into an alternative to Tribhuvan International Airport.

The revelation also comes at a time when the country is struggling hard to revive its economy that has been crippled by the after-effects of the devastating April earthquake and its aftershocks.

According to sources, ADB's preliminary investigation has discovered that the Chinese firm produced a number of fake documents that it reportedly obtained from Sudan, the conflict-hit African nation, to meet the qualifications for an International Competitive Bidding in accordance with ADB guidelines regarding the project expertise.

"ADB has informed Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal that it temporarily blacklisted China's NCAACG on suspicion of submitting false claims by producing fake documents from Sudan," CAAN's Deputy Director General Devanand Upadhyay told *THT*.

The ADB also notified the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation that it wouldn't allow NCAACG to bid for ADB-financed fresh contracts, as it suspected foul play by the Chinese firm to

win a contract of GBA Upgrading Component under the South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development Project funded by the bank itself.

Confirming the ADB's move, Joint Secretary Mohan Krishna Sapkota, who heads the Planning and Evaluation Development Division in the ministry, said, "The ministry has already instructed CAAN to initiate necessary action on the matter."

this daily that it was a matter of investigation by the ADB, as the final contract documents were also verified as well as accepted by the ADB headquarters while awarding CAAN's Rs 6.30 billion project. "As per the ADB's letter, NCAACG can continue its work," he said.

According to CAAN, the then director general of CAAN, Ratish Chandra Lal Suman, and general manager of Northwest's overseas Department Zhou Zun signed the Rs 6.22 bn deal in October. As per the deal, the renovated airport will become operational by the end of 2017.

During the final review of the financial documents by the ADB and CAAN, the Chinese firm had quoted a price tag of Rs 5.50 billion, which is Rs 897.35 million less than the price quoted by the second lowest bidder. China Harbour Engineering Company and a Nepali-Spanish joint venture Sanjose-Kalika Construction were the second and third lowest bidders, quoting Rs 6.40 bn and Rs 6.68 bn, respectively.

The upgraded airport will have a 3,000-metre runway and will be capable of serving 760,000 passengers every year after the completion of the first phase by 2018. The Chinese firm will reconstruct exits and parallel taxiways with flexible pavements, build a new international aircraft parking apron with rigid pavements and convert one runway into a parallel taxiway.

The project has been financed by a loan and grant aid of \$42.96 million and \$12.75 million, respectively, from the ADB.

Suman Shrestha, a retired director of CAAN, was appointed a board member of the aviation regulatory body two months ago to lobby in favour of NCAACG, claimed a source. He said Shrestha, being a deputy director in the past, had also played a key role in awarding contract to the Chinese firm.

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CAAN's DDG, however, claimed that the ADB wanted the Chinese firm to continue the construction in Bhairahawa. "The ADB's letter states that its move to blacklist NCAACG won't affect the ongoing construction work at GBA," Upadhyay told this daily. But a senior executive of CAAN wondered how a blacklisted firm could be allowed to continue work.

Murari Bhandari, project director of GBA Extension Project, told

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Japan to offer scholarships to young govt officers of Nepal

By A Staff Reporter
Kathmandu, Aug. 8

The government of Japan will provide scholarship for young government officials of Nepal. The scholarship will be provided under the "Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)."

In response to a request from the Nepal government about enforcement of this project in Nepal, JICA's (Japan International Cooperation Agency) has executed the scholarship programme.

The Preparatory Survey Team of Madhu Kumar Marasini, Joint Secretary, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance team concluded the minutes on the preparatory survey on 30th July.

The project is expected to support human resource development in countries

The project aimed at taking only highly capable, young government officials and others who are potential future leaders of the partner countries, stated a press release issued on Thursday.

The Japanese Government has been implementing JDS Project in 13 countries since 1999.

As per the minutes, the programme will run for a period of four years, from 2016 to 2019, and a maximum of 20 persons will be accepted every year.

A total of 80 young government officials will be dispatched to Japanese universities for two years to study for Master Degrees in five target areas, the press statement stated.

The five different areas are economic policy, industrial development policy, development of human resource and administrative capacity of civil servants,

building of international relations and improvement of legal and judicial system.

The Nepal Government and JICA will coordinate on the details of this program in the near future.

Recruitment of applicants will start around September of this year, and through multiple selection processes the first batch of students will be dispatched to Japan around summer 2016.

The Japanese government and JICA believed that it is important for young government officials to improve their administrative skills for reconstruction and rehabilitation from the medium and long term perspectives.

The Embassy of Japan and JICA in Nepal welcomes applications from young, passionate government officials, the press release stated.

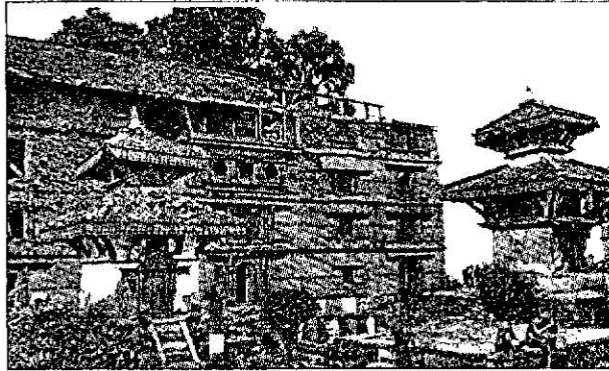
China to help reconstruct Nuwakot

POST REPORT
NUWAKOT, AUG 9

The Chinese government has expressed its willingness to reconstruct earthquake ravaged historical infrastructure, including the Nuwakot Durbar in Nuwakot district.

Chinese Ambassador to Nepal Wu Chuntai said the Chinese government is eager to help in reconstructing the demolished infrastructures, requesting concerned agencies to submit a proposal of such programmes.

On the occasion of 60 years of China-Nepal diplomatic relations, ambassador Chuntai and Foreign Minister Mahendra Bahadur Pandey inspected the quake affected



infrastructure in the district on Sunday. After visiting the Durbar, Trishuli Hospital and Old Age Home, Chuntai assured to help Nepal.

The ambassador, moreover, pledged to reconstruct

Nuwakot Durbar, the hospital and Kerung Highway including other historical settlements in the first phase. The process will proceed after discussions with Foreign Minister Pandey and

Finance Minister Ram Sharan Mahat the reconstruction process will proceed smoothly, he said.

Pandey also urged neighbouring countries to Nepal in this time of crisis. "Trade deficit of the country is increasing and this may create problem in reconstruction," said Pandey, adding that the government should place agriculture sector in top priority and increase production of small industries to minimise the deficit.

The devastating earthquake of April 25 and its aftershocks have damaged Nuwakot Durbar and Trishuli Hospital, including several historical places and schools in the district.

India approves pipeline project

ANIL GIRI & SANGAM PRASAIN
KATHMANDU, AUG 13

The Indian cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Thursday approved signing of a memorandum of understanding between India and Nepal for the construction of the much-touted cross border petroleum products pipeline.

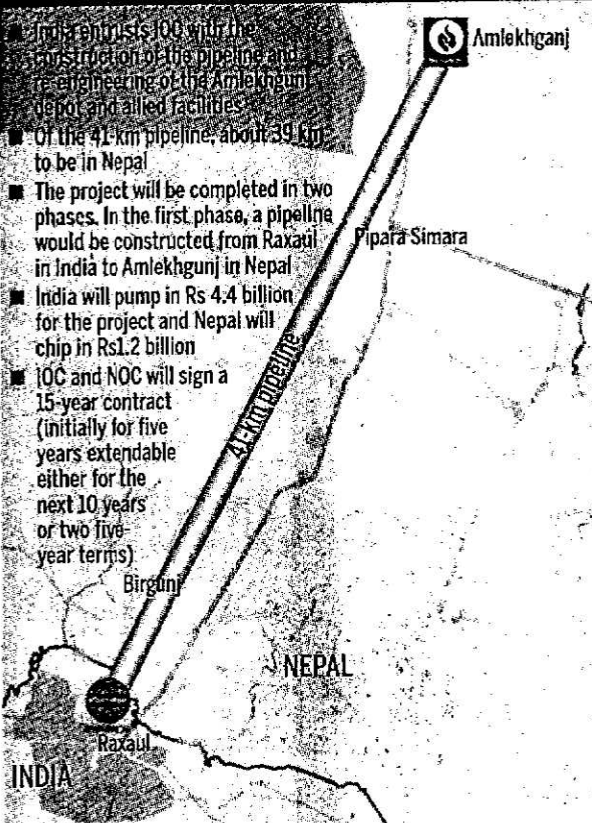
The plan envisages laying a 41-km pipeline from Raxaul (India) to Amlekhgunj (Nepal) in the first phase of the project. In the second phase, the pipeline will be extended to Kathmandu. Re-engineering of the Amlekhgunj depot and allied facilities are among the packages of the project.

India will invest INR 2.75 billion (NRs 4.4 billion) on the project, while Nepal will contribute INR 750 million (NRs 1.2 billion). The project is expected to be completed within 30 months from its commencement. Nepal's contribution will be spent on upgrading the Nepal Oil Corporation's (NOC) Amlekhgunj depot and allied facilities.

Considering the close and friendly relations between the two countries and their people, the Indian government has agreed to honour Nepal's request for the pipeline construction, said the Indian cabinet communiqué.

"The agreement will promote bilateral cooperation in the oil and gas sector and secure long-term supply of petroleum products to Nepal. It would help preserve the environment along the route and decongest the international border at Raxaul."

NEPAL-INDIA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PIPELINE



The IOC had proposed building a cross-border pipeline in 1995 and signed an MoU with NOC at the junior executive level a year later. In 2004, the sides reached an agreement at the chief executive level.

However, the project failed to make headway as Nepal had been indecisive on the project due to various legal and technical issues. After much delay, the project was

revived at the time of Indian PM Modi's visit here on August 3 last year when he promised to construct the pipeline. Subsequently, the NOC and IOC conducted a joint pipeline survey.

The planned agreement on laying an oil pipeline again hit a snag following differences over the period of supply contract. The IOC wanted a Nepali pledge to buy petroleum products from it for 15

years, but the NOC insisted on continuing the existing five-year pact. The two countries review the supply agreement every five years.

The two sides renewed the supply pact on April 27, 2012, making the IOC as the sole supplier of the petroleum products to Nepal for the next five years.

"The period of the supply contract has been settled. The long-awaited project has moved ahead as planned," said Jib Raj Koirala, joint-secretary at the Ministry of Commerce and Supply.

According to him, Nepal will buy petroleum products from the IOC for five years and the tenure will be extended either for the next 10 years, or two five-year terms depending on the supply terms and conditions of IOC.

The government has also left option open for a third party to supply products through the pipeline as there could be other such parties willing to supply petroleum products to Nepal at a competitive rate.

Koirala said that Nepal and India will initially sign a framework agreement on the project, followed by a separate technical pact between the NOC and the IOC. The date for signing the agreements is yet to be fixed.

Once the pipeline is in place, Nepal will receive petroleum products at the rate of 190 kilolitres per hour. The pipeline is expected to reduce transportation costs in half, control leakage and ensure smooth supply and quality of petroleum products.

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IDA provides US\$ 300 M loan assistance to Nepal

By A Staff Reporter
Kathmandu, Aug. 15

The International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group has agreed to provide 300 million US dollar (about Rs. 31 billion) loan assistance to the government of Nepal.

The IDA has provided such loan assistance for Financial Sector Reform Action support and for the implementation of the Earthquake Housing Reconstruction Project.

Suman Prasad Sharma, Finance Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, and Johannes Zutt, WB Country Director for Nepal, signed both financial agreements on behalf of their respective institutions on Friday.

The main objective of US\$ 100 million loan assistance is to

avail budgetary support to the government of Nepal to help carry out the second phase of financial sector reform programme under the second phase of financial sector budgetary support, according to a press statement issued by the Ministry of Finance.

This amount will be allocated in a single withdrawal tranche, it said.

The government has reiterated its commitment to continue with the second phase of financial sector reform and development during 2015/16.

The Earthquake Housing Reconstruction Project has planned support to providing grant to 55,000 householders in targeted areas to reconstruct the multi-hazard resilient core housing unit.

Likewise, the projects also aim to support to enable the establishment of a system that provides better disaster risk reduction, preparedness and disaster response and to develop the capacity and effective implementation of the programmes.

This project will be implemented by the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development and Ministry of Urban Development.

The government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the World Bank for this support, for the togetherness shown in the time of devastating earthquake of April 25th and for its continuous support in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

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ADB plans to fund 3 power projects

SANJEEV GIRI
KATHMANDU, AUG 15

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has said it plans to finance three major power projects—two hydropower plants and a new Nepal-India cross-border transmission line—in the next few years.

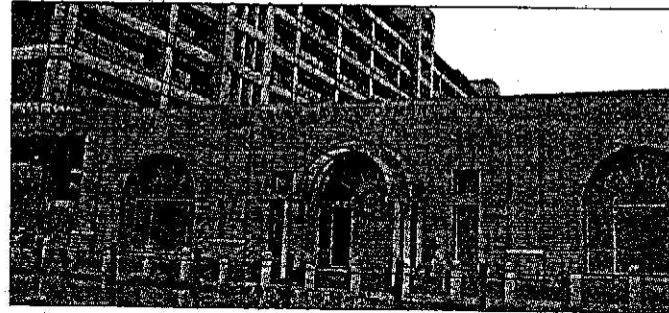
The two hydropower storage-type projects are 300MW Dudh Koshi Hydropower Project and 410MW Nalsing Gadh Hydropower Project. The cross-border transmission line will be built under ADB's South Asia Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Power System Expansion Project.

ADB Country Director for Nepal Kenichi Yokoyama said the lender plans to fund Dudhkoshi subject to project readiness and

progress in ongoing energy projects. The ADB provided grant assistance for the project preparation in 2013. Although the ADB has prioritised energy in its financing, poor performance in resources disbursement in the sector is a worrisome trend to make additional loan commitment, Yokoyama said.

According to Lila Nath Bhattarai, acting deputy managing director of Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), tasks like detail engineering, preparation of bidding document, study of social and environmental aspects and selection of contractor, among others, are under way.

"Once these processes conclude, the project will go into the implementation phase," he said, adding the government was holding talks with the ADB for fund-



Asian Development Bank headquarters

ing the project and was optimistic the project would be readied on time.

NEA has provided a grant worth \$12.5 million for studying the project. As per a study conducted in 1998, the project cost has been estimated at \$550 million. "Once we complete the

study, we will ascertain the actual project cost," Bhattarai said. "We have expedited the study. We aim to award the construction contract by December 2015."

As far as Nalsing Gadh project is concerned, the ADB has said it is expected to be developed under the public-private partnership

model based on consultations with the government. "However, the detailed modality is yet to be worked out," said Yokoyama.

A detailed project report (DPR) is currently being prepared. "It will take around two and half years for us to complete the DPR. Whether to take financial support from the ADB will be known after that," Moti Bahadur Kuwar, executive director of Nalsing Gadh Hydropower Project Development Committee, said.

"The government is willing to fund the project on its own. If the government decides to go with multiple financiers, we can consider the ADB's proposal," Kunwar said.

The cost of the project is estimated at around Rs100 billion. "However, the actual cost will be known only after the DPR is read-

ied," Kunwar said.

As the country has only one storage-type project (Kulekhani), it is likely to face load-shedding in the dry season for a longer period. The government aims to ending the load-shedding during wet season by 2018, with a number of run-of-the-river type projects are expected to be completed by then.

As for the transmission line project, it has been planned to be built as the second cross-border transmission line from Bardghat in central Nepal to Gorakhpur in India to export electricity from hydropower projects in the Kali Gandaki and other basins.

"Once the feasibility study is done and bilateral agreement between Nepal and India is signed, we can finance it," said Yokoyama.

ADB okays Rs 20B loan

By A Staff Reporter

Kathmandu, Aug 21

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided Rs. 20 billion loan assistance for the implementation of the Earthquake Emergency Assistance Project in Nepal.

Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Finance Madhu Kumar Marasini and ADB Country Director for Nepal Kenichi Yokoyama signed an agreement on behalf of their respective institutions at the Ministry of Finance Friday.

The main objective of the project is to restore critical public and social infrastructure and services with strengthened resiliency, according to a press statement issued by the Ministry of Finance.

Under this project, at least 700 schools would be built and retrofitted with improved water and sanitation facilities and sex-disaggregated toilets and five model schools will be built with ICT equipment, science laboratories and improved learning spaces.

Likewise, about 135 kilometers of strategic roads and 450 kilometers of rural roads damaged by the earthquake will be rehabilitated with feature of built back better for road safety and climate resilience.

Similarly, 300 district level government buildings damaged by the earthquake will be rebuilt and retrofitted with disaster resilient standards under this project.

The project also includes

enhancing the disaster preparedness and management capacity.

This project will be implemented through partnership with the government agencies. Department of Education, Department of Local Infrastructure Development and Agriculture Road (DOLIDAR), Department of Roads and Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) will be the implementing agencies.

The project is expected to be completed by 30 September 2018.

The government has expressed its sincere appreciation to the ADB for the assistance and for its continued support for the country's development.

Repair work on BP Highway kicks off

Himalayan News Service

Sindhulimadi, August 29

Repair of BP Highway, which was damaged by the massive earthquake of April and May this year, has kicked off.

Earlier, certain sections of the Sindhuli-Khurkot road section of the highway that joins Bardibas and Dhulikhel through Sindhuli had caved in due to the massive quakes of April 25 and May 12, affecting vehicular movement on the highway, a Japan-funded project awaiting formal handover to the government of Nepal.

The road section had suffered serious cave-ins at 12 places and bends, which had obstructed vehicular movement on the route. Now,

the road project has started its work at four places on the basis of priority in view of the damage caused.

The project is said to have intensified repair works in view of the possibility of further damage to the road by rainwater seeping into the cracks on the road. The approaching major festivals and increase in vehicular movement has also prompted the project authority to initiate the work immediately.

According to project chief Bharatkaji Debaju, once the tentative repair is complete its permanent repair will start after the festivals, Dashain and Tihar.

"We've already selected companies for the repairs and hope the road will come to its original shape soon," he said.

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