

## Press Release

The World Bank has agreed to provide US\$ 150 million loan assistance equivalent to NRs 16.371 billion for **Strengthening Systems for Social Protection and Civil Registration Project**. An agreement to this effect was signed and exchanged at the Ministry of Finance, Kathmandu, today.

**The Strengthening Systems for Social Protection and Civil Registration Project** supports the expansion of coverage of the civil registration and Social Security Allowances (SSA) Programs by establishing a national population register of individuals and household/family folders. For modernizing social security delivery systems, this project supports the e-payments for the delivery of SSA. This project supports in conducting nationwide information and outreach campaigns to support data collection and promotion of regular registration of vital events. Further, it helps support institutional capacity of Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD) and the Department of Civil Registration (DoCR). MoFALD and DoCR are executing and implementing agencies respectively for this project.

Mr. Shanta Raj Subedi, Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Mr. Takuya Kamata, Country Manager, the World Bank, signed the Loan Agreement on behalf of the Government of Nepal and the World Bank, respectively.

The Government of Nepal has expressed its appreciation to the World Bank for this loan assistance and its continued support in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

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