



KASTHAMANDAP DIALOGUE

Series-I

The BRI Meets Nepal: A Prosperous Future of Nepal-China

Cooperation

March 15-16, 2025, Kathmandu, NEPAL

Tentative Agenda:

Day I: Saturday, March 15, 2025

Opening Ceremony

Session I: Understanding the BRI

Session II: The Opportunities and Challenges of the BRI Implementation

in Nepal

Day II: Sunday, March 16, 2025

Session III: Ideas and Suggestions for the BRI Cooperation between

Nepal and China

Session IV: Views of Political Parties on the BRI

Closing of the Kasthamandap Dialogue, Series-I

Press Meet

Organized by: Foundation for Peace, Development and Socialism (FPDS)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY I

Opening Ceremony

0830-0900	Registration, Tea/Coffee
0900-0907	Chair the Ceremony by Chairperson, Dr. BK Man Singh <i>President, Foundation for Peace, Development and Socialism (FPDS)</i> All Dignitaries take their Seats
0907-0910	Arrival of Chief Guest Rt. Honorable Speaker Devraj Ghimire <i>Speaker, House of Representatives of Nepal</i> <i>National Anthem</i>
0910-0917	Welcome remarks by Dr. Shankar Khatiwada <i>Member, Foundation for Peace, Development and Socialism (FPDS)</i>
0917-0920	Opening of the Kasthamandap Dialogue, Series-I by lighting a traditional Panas by the Chief Guest
0920-0935	Introductory Presentation by Dr. Santosh Sharma Poudel <i>Co-founder, Nepal Institute for Policy Research (NIPR)</i> <i>Research Findings and Outcomes on the BRI in NEPAL</i>
0935-0950	Remarks by His Excellency Chen Song <i>Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Nepal</i>
0950-1005	Keynote speech by Hon'ble Jhala Nath Khanal <i>Former Prime Minister of Nepal</i>
1005-1020	Address by the Chief Guest
1020-1025	Closing remarks by Ceremony Chair
1025-1040	Photo session/Refreshments

Master of Ceremony: Dr. Mandira Singh Shrestha

Session I: Understanding the BRI

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Yubraj Shangraula

1040-1100	Presentation by Prof. Dr. Dinesh Raj Bhuju <i>Academician, Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)</i> <i>The BRI: A New Silk Road Vision of Time, Trade and Togetherness</i>
1100-1120	Presentation by Prof. Dr. Huang Yunsong Professor, Associate Dean at School of International Studies, Sichuan University, China <i>Understanding the BRI: A Holistic and Comprehensive View beyond the Nine Projects</i>

1120-1140	Presentation by Prof. Dr. Zhang Shubin Professor, Hebei University of Economics and Business, China Director, Nepal Study Centre (NSC) <i>China-Nepal BRI Cooperation: A Win-Win Path to Nepal's Prosperity</i>
1140-1200	Presentation by Mr. Tanka Karki Former Ambassador of Nepal to the People's Republic of China <i>The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its benefits for Nepal</i>
1200-1300	Discussion
1300-1400	Lunch

Session II: The Opportunities and Challenges of the BRI Implementation in Nepal

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Dinesh Raj Bhuju

1400-1420	Presentation by Prof. Dr. Yubraj Shangraula Senior Advocate and Professor, Kathmandu School of Law, Purbanchal University <i>Challenges and Opportunities of BRI Implementation in Nepal</i>
1420-1440	Presentation by Prof. Yang Yabo Director and Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies of the XASS, China <i>Opportunities and Prospects of the BRI in Nepal from the Perspective of China-Nepal Joint Statement</i>
1440-1500	Presentation by Dr. Surya Raj Acharya Expert, Development, Infrastructure and Public Policy <i>BRI Implementation in Nepal: Opportunities and Challenges</i>
1500-1540	Discussion
1540-1600	Presentation by Mr. Wei Zisong Assistant General Manager, SCIG, International Nepal Hydro Joint Development Investment Company Pvt. Ltd. <i>Implementing the Belt and Road Initiative, Forging the Marsyangdi River Basin Energy Hub</i>
1600-1620	Presentation by Mr. Lila Mani Poudel Former Ambassador of Nepal to the People's Republic of China <i>BRI False Narratives and The Reality</i>
1620-1640	Discussion
1640-1730	Tea/Coffee/Networking

Day II

Session III: The BRI Cooperation between Nepal and China: Ideas and Suggestions

Moderator: Mr. Lila Mani Poudel

0830-0900	Tea/Coffee
0900-0920	Presentation by Dr. Khagendra Prasai Associate Professor and Dean, Nepal Open University <i>Changing World Order and the BRI: Prospect of a Sustained ChinaNepal Cooperation</i>
0920-0940	Presentation by Dr. Huang Zhengduo Associate Professor and Director, Nepal Study Center, Sichuan University, China <i>China-Nepal Belt and Road Cooperation in the Context of the Global Economic Landscape.</i>
0940-1000	Presentation by Dr. Mahesh K Maskey Former Ambassador of Nepal to the People's Republic of China <i>Changing World Order and the BRI: Prospect of a Sustained China-Nepal Cooperation</i>
1000-1020	Presentation by Mr. Prakash K Suvedi Executive Director, Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA), Nepal Former Ambassador of Nepal to Austria <i>BRI in Perspective: Examining Its Landscape</i>
1020-1100	Discussion
1100-1120	Presentation by Dr. Lila Nyaichyai Member, Constituent Assembly of Nepal <i>Task Not Mere 'Talks': Hopes on BRI in Nepal</i>
1120-1140	Presentation by Mr. Lila Mani Pokhrel Member, Constituent Assembly of Nepal
1140-1200	Presentation by Dr. Zhang Jianghong Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies of the XASS, China <i>New Prospects of Practical Cooperation between XiZang and Nepal Under the BRI</i>
1200-1230	Discussion
1230-1330	Lunch

Session IV: Panel Discussion “Views of Political Parties on the BRI”

Moderator: Dr. Khagendra Prasai

	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Minendra Rijal, <i>Leader Nepali Congress</i>▪ Mr. Surendra Pandey, <i>Vice Chairperson of CPN (UML)</i>▪ Mr. Dev Gurung, <i>Deputy General Secretary of CPN (Maoist)</i>▪ Prof. Dr. Huang Yunsong, <i>Sichuan University, China</i>▪ Prof. Yang Yabo, <i>Director of institute of South Asian Studies of the XASS, China</i> <p>Questions from the Floor:</p> <p>Response from Panelists</p> <p>Summary of the Discussion by the Moderator</p>
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Closing of the Kasthamandap Dialogue, Series-I

1615-1630	<p>Closing Remarks by Hon’ble Jhala Nath Khanal Former Prime Minister and Patron of Foundation for Peace Development and Socialism (FPDS)</p>
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Press Meet

1630-1730	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Observation by Hon’ble Jhala Nath Khanal (with Nepalese Experts)• Observation by Chinese Prof Dr. Huang Yunsong (with Chinese Experts)• Questions from the Invited Journalist• Response from the Experts
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