



Kasthamandap Dialogue Series II (KMD II)

Theme: What the MCC Brings to Nepal: Facts and Lessons
Event: Kasthamandap Dialogue Series II (KMD II)
Date: August 24 - 25, 2025, Venue: Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

DAY 1: SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration and Tea/Coffee**

09:30- 10:00 ***Inaugural Session***
What the MCC Brings to Nepal: Facts and Lessons

Master of Ceremony: *Dr. Jyoti Giri*
Chair the Session: *Dr. BK Man Singh*
Welcome Remarks: *Mr. Nirbhik Chitrakar Khanal*
Special Address: *Mr. Mohan Bikram Singh*
Chief Guest Address: *Hon. Jhala Nath Khanal*
Vote of Thanks: *Dr. BK Man Singh*

10:00 – 12:00 ***Plenary Session***
Indo-Pacific Strategy in the US Global Foreign Policy: with Reference to MCC Project

Chair: *Dr. Khagendra Prasaj* (10 min in total)

Presenters (10 min for each presenter)
Mr. Surendra Pandey, Vice Chairman, CPN (UML)
Mr. Dev Gurung, General Secretary, CPN (Maoist)
Mr. Biplav C, General Secretary, Communist Party of Nepal (CPN)
Dr. Bhim Rawal, Former Home Minister
Prof. Yubraj Sangroula, Professor, Purbanchal University
Dr. Huang Zhengduo, Sichuan University, China (More time)

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 15:00

Session I

MCC Project in Nepal: Indo-Pacific Strategy and Debates

Chair: Mr. Leela Mani Poudyal (10 min in total)

Discussion (Panelist and Participants): 50 min

Presenters (20 min for each presenter)

Dr. Bhim Rawal, Former Home Minister

Dr. Khagendra Prasai, Open University, Kathmandu, Nepal

Dr. Christian Wagner, Researcher, Germany (online)

15:00 – 16:00

Talk (20 min Presentation + Discussion)

The MCC in Sri Lanka: Lesson Learned

Chair: Mr. Milan Tuladhar

Presenter: Mr. Shiran Illanperuma, Researcher, Tricontinental, Sri Lanka

16:00

Day one Closed

DAY 2: Monday, AUGUST 25, 2025

09:00 – 11:00

Session II

The Inconsistency of US Policy and Its Impact on Nepal

Chair: Mr. Ratna Sansar Shrestha (10 min in total)

Discussion (Panelist and Participants): 50 min

Presenters (20 min for each presenter)

Prof. Dr. Yubraj Sangroula, Professor, Purbanchal University, Nepal

Dr. Gao Liang, Sichuan University, China

Mr. Amrit Kharel, Advocate

11:00 – 13:20

Session III

The Way Forward: Lessons of International Assistance for Nepal

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dinesh Raj Bhujju (10 min in total)

Discussion (Panelist and Participants): 55 min

Presenters (15 min for each presenter)

Mr. Leela Mani Poudyal, Former Ambassador of Nepal to China

Dr. Liu Xingjun, Xizang, Minuz University, China

Prof. Walden Flores Bello, Philippines (online)

Dr. Resham Thapa, Associate Professor, Tribhuvan University

Mr. Jagadish Kharel, Journalist, Research Scholar

13:20 – 14:20

Lunch

14:30 – 15:30

Closing Ceremony