

***Address by the Hon. Minister, Bijaya Kumar Gachchhedar
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Right Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal, The Government of Nepal
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India
The High Officials of the Government of Nepal
Distinguished International and National Delegates and Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning. I join hands with the Chief Guest Right Honorable Prime Minister in welcoming all the international delegates and the high level officials and all participants to this International Conference of Consulting Engineers. As a minister of the line ministry of Consulting Industry in Nepal, I have privilege and pleasure to be here with you in this gathering this morning. We are aware that the Consulting Services play central role in the economic development. Starting from the Project Identification to feasibility study and project implementation, the consulting engineering's role determines the sustainability of the projects which in turn help to enhance the image of the Government. I must admit the government and the Nepalese Society as not been able to recognize and give respect to Consulting Industry as it deserve. Currently, The Ministry together with SCAEF and ADB has completed the preparatory works for development of A consultancy Development Act which will pave way to institutionalise and strengthen the Industry to face the challenges of the twenty first century and particularly the challenges of the open competition across the Globe. I have learned that as a continued effort of TCDPAP and SCAEF, several of Nepalese experts have been now providing consulting services in India, China, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, East Timor, Laos, Cambodia, Azerbaijan, Middle East, China, Australia, Canada, US, UK and other countries. This global phenomenon is both good and bad. At one hand we are loosing very precious manpower but in other hand we are gaining international experience. I understand the open competition across the globe will be beneficial to us provided we can develop the consulting industry in right perspective.

As the Prime minister just said, the Government has set up high ambitious programs which require cooperation of this community in particular. These programs require to bring back the lost capacity of the country and help to fulfill the national development targets. Certainly, The Government is looking for support from all sectors and particularly from the engineering community of the country.

I am very glad that this conference being organized in Nepal at the time when we need most. I must recognize that the International Conference in Nepal with the theme of "**Making Globalisation Work: The Role of Consultants**" is very relevant and important for us. I am fully confident that this conference will be immensely beneficial to all.

On behalf of the Ministry and on my behalf, I personally extend best wishes for the grand success of the Conference and once more welcome the world leaders of Engineering Community from TCDPAP, FIDIC ASPAC and the other representatives of our friendly countries. Thank you